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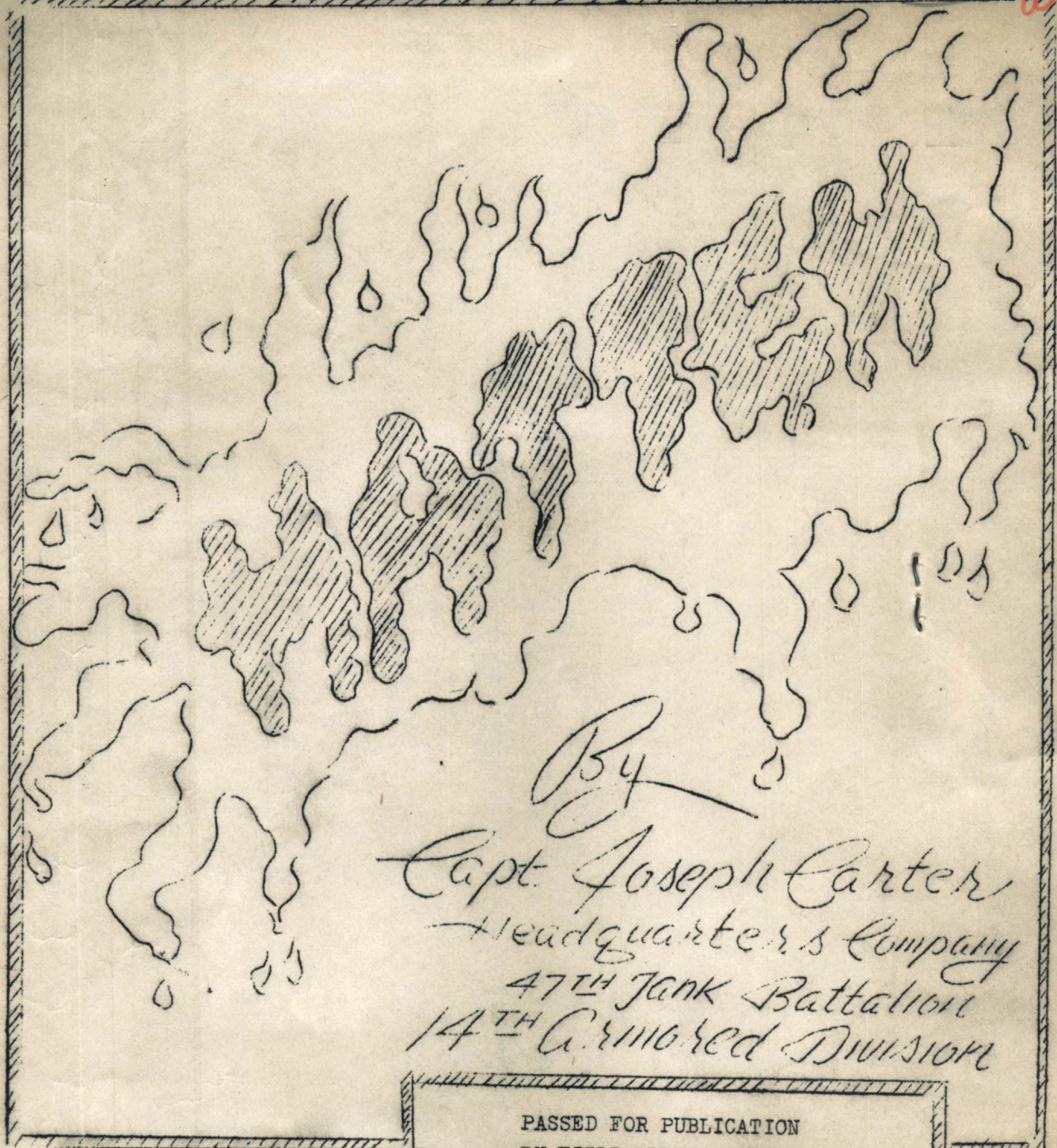

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Sixteen miles due north of Strassbourg-on-the-Rhine lies Hageunau and above Haguenau lies the forest. Now, in the winter, the woods stand black and always wet with cold; and on the north edge of the Haguenau Forest, ten miles northeast of the city, stands the village of Hatten. Or what is left of bloody Hatten.

Anzio was longer than Hatten, the infantrymen will tell you who dug in on that miserable beachhead for week after shell-shocked week; but for sheer bloody vicious tenseness, hour after hour and day after day. Hatten was the worst.

The Kraut was in the house next door, and the Kraut was in the houses across the street (more than once he was in the cellar while you were upstairs) and the Kraut was on the hills north of the town.

When you moved he fired with burp guns; and if you moved again he fired a bazooka; and if you still could move he called in corps artillery and registered in on you from the hills. It made no difference. If you were a lone man he'd open up with mortars; and if you moved a tank he called in bazookas by the squad, mortars, tanks, and anti-tank guns -- and the artillery.

If you were an infantryman you laid against the wall in a cellar, hoping to God no high explosive would land directly on the house; and you went out to attack, and to fight off the vicious counter-attacks again and again. You fought with mortar and machine-guns and grenade and rifle and bayonet, and called in your own artillery -- all to take one miserable house. And then the Kraut counterattacked.

If you were a tanker, you sat with your eye glued to your telescopic sight and your foot on the firing trigger -- because if you looked away you didn't have time to get your eye back before the bazookas or the anti-tank guns were on you.

When it was over, it was hard to tell which were the streets and which the houses, the artillery had blasted so much. Hardly a house had a roof left and hardly a house a wall. And the dead were lying on the streets and on the ground and in the cellars and in the rubbish. Kraut soldiers and American soldiers. Civilians. The girl who tried to run out of her cellar and got fifteen steps.

A farming village lying on a gentle slope; two hundred houses, perhaps, and with two main streets. Three hundred yards long and a couple of hundred deep.

Hatten.

The Kraut was stopped at Hatten. Paratroops he had in there, cocky from a long rest behind the lines; and SS troops dead in their neat black uniforms; and crack tankers from more than one Panzer Division that had rolled over Europe, long ago. And infantry. Infantry and infantry and infantry. And he had intended to break through at Hatten and through the Forest to Haguenau, and then on to the wide plain at Strassbourg.

We moved up the night of January the 12th.

A tank battalion.

A tank battalion of the 14th Armored Division (commanded by Lt. Col. James W. Lann of Amory, Mississippi, promoted on the field of battle), minus Company B, still fighting in another engagement near Drussenheim.

About 25 medium tanks, thirty tons of armor plate apiece; more than 15 light tanks, sixteen tons each; assault tanks and tanks, vehicle recovery; mortars; kitchen trucks and gas trucks and ammo trucks; half-tracks and trailers; maintenance vehicles and wreckers and welders and peeps. Company A and Company C. Company D. Headquarters Company and Service Company. Battalion maintenance and battalion medics. Tank battalion minus.

Blackout.

If you were a driver, you saw nothing except the vagueness of the fields alongside, the dark strip of the road a few feet ahead, the deeper black of the woods. All the light in the world was the twin red blackout tail-lights of the vehicle in front and the indirect glow of the dials on the instrument panel. If you were a vehicle commander you stood up every now and then to check your column -- it was too cold to stay standing. You could see the long line of tanks and half-tracks behind you, creeping ominously along through the blackness, blackout lights just barely visible. Every now and then you heard the angry howl of a 500-horse tank engine as the driver shifted for a bad stretch of road.

The bivouac party under Lt. Tom Anderberg, of Hudson, South Dakota, had gone ahead. It had found a big house for the battalion C.P. and had gone down the streets, knocking at each door and asking for rooms (Soldaten schlaffen herein? Americanische soldaten?) and he found places for all the men to sleep in the Alsatian homes, and courtyards in which to park the tanks.

We moved in before dawn, the sky a faint gray instead of black and the stucco-and-timber farm houses of the village huddled together like gray stone sheep with slanted red tile roofs, just under a ridge of land and around a bend in the road.

The bivouac party was waiting for us to show us the battalion C.P. and the houses where we were to live; but the tanks stayed on the streets because we were to start the attack at 0530. The crews checked them over.

In the dim darkness you could hear a driver rev up his engine, and nearby the artillery was firing, the sharp cracks of the 105's sounding as if they were in the next street. And you could hear the whine and the empty whooom of incoming mail somewhere close enough.

It was simple. To defend, we were to attack Hatten with the infantry and drive the enemy out. The infantry would pass through us and take up defensive positions on the high ground beyond the town.

In the C.P., Col. Lann was bending over the situation map with Maj. Alton S. Kircher of Gladstone, Michigan, the exec. Lt. Paul C. Willis, the communications officer, of Canton, North Carolina, was checking his radios and Capt. Solly A. Spivek of Chicago, Illinois, was setting up his map.

Hatten was due east of us then.

A single track French railway ran east and west, passed a few hundred yards south of Hatten and continued on east. Halfway between us and Hatten, also north of the railroad, lay the town of Rittershoffen. Another unit was to clean out Rittershoffen.

This, then, was the situation:

We were to pass to the south of Rittershoffen, along the railroad; we were to swing north and drive into Hatten. An infantry battalion was to be with us; the infantry was to be to the south of the railroad, and we to the north.

The Kraut could see us from the high ground north of Hatten. For the land slopes gently up from the north edge of the Haguenau Forest to the crest above the Seltzbach River, and it was on that crest that the Kraut had set up his observation posts. Hatten is about half way up that gentle slope.

From the east end of Rittershoffen, too, you could see into Hatten, and you could fire into Hatten. And the Kraut held the east end of Rittershoffen with infantry and two captured American 57mm anti-tank guns.

Capt. Harold D. Persky of St. Paul, Minnesota, commanded Company C. At least, he did command it -- he commanded it that morning. He was to be the attack company; and one of his platoons, commanded by Lt. Seth Sprague of Hingham, Massachusetts, was to be attached to the infantry battalion moving south of the railroad. At least, Lt. Sprague was in command of the platoon that morning. Or what was then the platoon.

Company A, Commanded by Capt. Richard A. Tharpe, of Macon, Georgia, was in support. So were the assault guns commanded by Lt. Robert C. Harper of Auburn, Nebraska. In reserve was Company D, commanded by Capt. Henry P. Tilden of Weymouth, Massachusetts.

Let us follow Lt. Sprague.

As the eastern sky turns from gray to lighter gray, directly ahead of him, his tanks are standing on the narrow frozen street of a small Alsatian town. Beside him rise the steep-roofed, plaster and timber houses, black in the early morning. The engine of his tank is idling easily and he is standing in the turret, hatch open, muffled in his combat suit and scarf. It is cold.

His radio is crackling softly and then the yellow warning light flashes on and he hears his call word crackling.

"Move out. Move out."

"Wilco," he says, and switches to interphone. "Move out," he says to the driver. "Move out."

The tank engine roars suddenly in his ears and he does not hear the driver shift into gear. The tank lurches a little and pulls ahead. He feels its familiar grating progress as the steel tracks claw at the ice-hard roads. The engine roars again and the driver shifts to third. Sprague's head is even with the windows of the houses and he can see the road better before him.

Presently he is out of town and following the road by the ghostly white fields. On both sides of the road are lines of trees, poplar and sycamore, as there always are in this country. Now he is watching for the cross road, his line of departure. There is a frosty mist in the air. Visibility is poor.

He finds the cross road. It is 0803.

"Crossed line one," he says, and a voice answers: "Roger."

He continues on, slowly. It will be a gray, cold, miserable day. The mist is falling on the fields, freezing on the ground. It is turning the trees of the blackwoods to his south a perfect white.

By 0850 he has moved 800 yards. Passed phase line two.

At 0913.

"Heavy enemy artillery fire," he says. "Heavy enemy artillery fire."

"Where is it?"

"Don't know," he says. "Can't see. Visibility poor. All I know is it's coming in."

The enemy is on the high ground to his left; they are behind him now, in Rittershoffen. He is in his tank, the engine roaring hot behind him, creaking and jolting over the frozen ground. His turret hatch is closed now. He cannot see the infantry, but he can hear the high-pitched scream of the artillery, right on him; and he can see the craters suddenly appear in the frozen ground ahead of him. He can feel the lift of the tank sometimes as one hits close, and he can hear the shrapnel smash angrily at the armor sides.

He is headed northeast, directly toward Hatten. He is within anti-tank gun range, but he cannot see any anti-tank guns. He can make out the houses in Hatten, the slanted roofs white from mist -- a small farming village lying on the slope above him.

At 0930.

Capt. Persky is on the air.

"Can't contact Sprague," he says. "I've lost two tanks out of his platoon." Later it turns out to be three, and fourteen men.

Lt. Francis E. Marshall of Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, Company A, is dispatched to go into town to assist the infantry. He goes east, then north. All this while the bitter fighting is going on. By now it is plain where the anti-tank guns are firing from: from the south edge of Hatten, and from much farther east, so that when Marshall turns north these anti-tank guns are on his right flank.

The American artillery is not quiet. As Marshall reports the locations of the guns, battalion after battalion sends out its roaring volleys from far back. Marshall can see the bursts of their hits. Again and again it seems the guns are knocked out; but either the Germans send up new crews, or they send up new guns, for presently the anti-tank guns start firing again.

And all along to the east the burp guns are firing on the infantry; and the Kraut artillery comes in again and again; and the mortars fall almost without stopping; and men are hit, and men are blown apart, and men lie on the frozen ground in helpless fear and hear the mortars coming. And half laugh when they miss.

So it is not enough to say that Lt. Marshall got three of his tanks into the western edge of Hatten, that he went too far east and had to come back, that he took up a firing position.

It took him all afternoon. And all afternoon there was fighting; and all day there was dying; and it is not possible to tell everything that happened. There was a battalion of infantry in there, to mention just one unit; and each of the men of that battalion could tell you his own story -- and a different one -- and each man was afraid in his own way, and brave in his own way, or cowardly in his own way.

Lt. Marshall got to the west edge of the town with three tanks and took up firing positions.

Meanwhile, the rest of Company A, two platoons of medium tanks, had gotten to Hatten, one to the west, and one to the south, to help out the infantry in the west end of town. The infantry had decided they could hold the town, and the tanks had gone back and brought up more infantry on the back decks.

Three tanks were left in town for the night, and six had been knocked out.

The first night in bloody Hatten had begun.

The second day came the order: "The attack will be continued. The infantry in the west end of town will drive to the east and clear the enemy from the town. The tanks will support."

There were the Kraut paratroopers, and the panzers; the SS and the infantry; and there were the mortars and the artillery, with the observers on the hills.

Then began the bloody day battle in the town.

The American artillery laid down preparation, an endless thundering madhouse of shells landing in Hatten. And the American infantry came out.

They tried to fight their way in the smoking, smoldering rubble; and the minute they appeared the German artillery came in. The German mortars lobbed into the streets; and the German burp guns opened up. In the bitter cold they tried to run and come to grips; and the guns cut the streets and the mortars exploded.

A German tank would move up a wreck-strewn street, climbing over the piles of rock and timbers; and an American tank would move to meet it. The German tank would stop just short of a curve and the American tank would wait, just around the corner. And so they would sit. They would try to move to get a shot without being hit -- blow holes with HE through the walls of houses to fire through. And then the other would maneuver out of the way.

The two armies ground against each other.

The platoon commanders would wait for a barrage to end, duck out of their tanks, run to the infantry C.P. in the cellar of a building. Lt. Charles B. Wallace of Cincinnati, Ohio, would run with the others.

Lieutenant," the infantry commander would say, "move your tank up here, and fire on this house. Germans in there holding us up."

And Lt. Wallace would run back to his tank.

"Move up," he would say to his driver, and he would move into a position to fire. The German bazookas would open up, and the artillery start to fire again; and Wallace would fire into the house and move back from the bazookas. And the Germans in the next house would hold up the advance.

But the Germans could not move either. And the dead piled up in the streets. The dead in gray, and the dead in khaki. And the civilians, caught in the town by the fighting, killed when they tried to run down the streets.

The most vicious German counterattack came that night, just at dusk. First -- as always -- the artillery. Then the quick gray shapes of the men running; and the infantry called for artillery and the machine-guns chattered endlessly through the night. The flames of the guns streaked till the town was a living hell; and then the artillery began to land.

You could hear the shouts and the screams through the gun fire, and the screams of women trapped in the cellar of a burning house, set afire by white phosphorous.

Up to the town in the day had come a platoon of Company A, led by Lt. Sol Rael of Brooklyn, New York, and Rael had gone back. Now into this inferno, at the worst time of night, came Company C tanks, led by Capt. Persky, and you could hear his voice over the radio.

"Can't see anything. Can't see anything," he said. "Smoke is too bad. Smoke is too bad." Then, as he got through the smoke and into the fire: "Christ, there are millions of them up here. They're everywhere, they're all over the place -- Johnny, John, there's one now, get him, get him.....!" And his voice went off into abrupt silence.

Three C Company tanks were knocked out.

The German infantry did not get through. The counterattacks had been stopped. The infantry settled down to stopping the minor counterattacks that came all night to test us; and the tanks stayed to help them.

Earlier, supplies had been taken up by half-tracks, mortar half-tracks under the command of Lt. Willis E. Harding of Lincoln, Nebraska. But now the mortars were firing all day and doing guard all night; and it was too dangerous for half-tracks anyway.

Capt. Robert C. Potts of Columbia, Ohio, sent up his supplies by light tanks.

The battalion medics -- 18 men and two officers to care for 700 odd men -- went onto the battlefield in peeps to carry out the wounded, and the peeps came back with bullet holes in the windshields; and the wounded came back in half-tracks and on tanks to the Aid Station where Capt. William R. Eaton of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, was working.

The morning of January 15, the objective was a limited attack. We were being hurt, but so was the Kraut. We were losing tanks and men; but so was he. A prisoner of war stated that more than a hundred men in his unit were killed in a single day.

The tenseness and the fighting went on. The artillery still came in its endless scream and whoomp! And the small arms chattered endlessly; and the Krauts were in the next houses.

You would be on one side of a wall and the Krauts on the other; and you would try to lob hand grenades over to get them; and the infantry would set up a mortar and take off all the increments except one and try to lob shells over one house and onto the next. And the dead lying in the streets began to get on your nerves; and the tenseness of always looking down the sights, always waiting; and the artillery was always coming and you knew it was only a question of time before one landed on the house you were in. The fighting had reached such a vicious pitch that they tried to range in eight-inch howitzers on a single house, which is something like trying to hit a fly with a shotgun.

The fighting went on and on. That day and the next day and the next day and the next day and the next.

"Counterattacks in the Hatten area were beaten off today," was the way the news dispatches read. But that did not tell of the artillery fire, and what a counterattack was. That did not tell you of the infantry staff sergeant (best damned platoon leader in the Army) in combat for months, scheduled to get to the rear at 1930 to take a physical to become a second lieutenant, and how he was killed at 1530. That did not tell you of the death and screaming, the sweating in that ice cold air and the suffering.

It did not tell of the hours on hours of endless waiting while nothing happened -- hours two hundred minutes long, and days and nights two hundred hours, waiting, waiting, till finally you wanted something to happen.

These men could tell you -- or let the official words of their citations tell you:

"Sgt. William T. Summers of Schenectady, New York, Company C, on the 18th of January at Hatten, France, at about 1400 was maneuvering his tank to get out of range of an anti-tank gun. While so engaged he saw a light tank get hit and start to burn. Summers at once went to the light tank's aid. Upon arriving he dismounted and helped evacuate the crew. The driver of the burning tank was hurt and needed first aid. Summers gave him the necessary treatment, mounted the wounded men on the back deck of his tank and rode away with him. During this entire time Sgt. Summers was entirely exposed to small arms and mortar fire falling in heavy concentrations."

"On the night of the 13th of January at Hatten, France, platoon leader, Lieutenant _____ was wounded. S/Sgt. Pennington P. Smith of Shreveport, Louisiana, and Pfc. James Barbera of Brooklyn, New York, both of Company A, dismounted from their tank into intense enemy fire and shielded the body of the Lieutenant with their own bodies while S/Sgt. Smith administered first aid. When it was necessary for someone to ride the rear deck of the tank to give the officer protection and keep him from falling off, Pfc. Barbera volunteered. Pfc. Barbera not only kept up the first aid necessary on the trip, but shielded the officer with his own body against intense small arms, mortar, and artillery fire; and the Lieutenant was successfully evacuated. S/Sgt. Smith returned to his platoon and assumed command, reorganized it and made a personal foot reconnaissance to discover the best route for his tanks. In the course of this reconnaissance he directed the evacuation of an infantry platoon sergeant. All this was accomplished under intense small arms and mortar fire. The success of the mission was largely due to the cool leadership of S/Sgt. Smith."

"On the 17th of January, at Hatten, France, Tec 4 John Pitcher of Altoona, Pennsylvania, and Pfc. Richard L. Duvall of McBain, Michigan, both of Company D, were members of the crew of a light tank that was hit by an 88 mm gun. The tank burst into flames. Under small arms fire, Tec 4 Pitcher and Pfc. Duvall had dismounted from the flaming vehicle. When they saw their other two members of the crew did not come out, the two men returned to the

tank and pulled the wounded gunner, who was aflame, from the tank. Pfc. Duvall rolled the burning body on the ground and laid on the blazing clothes to extinguish the flames. They could not evacuate the fourth man. Successful in putting out the fire, the men hailed a passing medium tank and placed the gunner on the rear deck and then laid with him under small arms fire until the safety of an aid station was reached. The gunner has a fifty-fifty chance to live as a result of their action. These men showed unusual courage in the face of great personal danger in helping their comrades in arms."

These are the stories of three men. But they are not enough. Lt. Earl A. Allgrim of Buffalo, New York, and S/Sgt. William R. Fadda of San Leandro, California, both of Headquarters Company, could tell you how they went out onto the battlefield under artillery and small arms fire to evacuate a tank.

Sgt. Stephen B. Ratchuck Jr., of Buffalo, New York, and Tec 4 Edgar Mongo, of Utica, New York, both of Company B, could tell you how they walked on foot through artillery fire again and again to fix tank radios.

Lt. Eugene W. Marsack of Grosspoint, Michigan, and Pvt. Henry J. Erickson of Brookly, New York, both of Company D, could tell you how, on the night of the 17th of January, the Krauts hit a half-track loaded with wounded men, and how they dismounted from their tank in all that fire and hitched the half-track to the tank and towed it to safety.

Those are the stories of six more men. But the story is not told. There are a thousand stories. A story for every man. And some of the men are living. And many of them are dead. And perhaps not even all those stories would tell the story of Hatten.

The battle went on.

That day and the next day and the next day and the next day and the next.

Company B came up from Drusenheim, short of tanks from its last fight, Capt. Thomas C. Beaty of Wichita Falls, Texas, in command. This was on the 15th; and that night Lt. John L. Perkins of Amsterdam, New York, was killed outside his tank at Hatten. We found a letter he had written to his wife, in pencil, and not mailed. So we stamped it and sent it out.

Lt. Cullis V. Sears of Lumber City, Georgia, went up into that town that night.

By the 17th, Company A was sent back to Durrenbach. Capt. Tharpe had been wounded; and Lt. Rael was back in the hospital. Company B, low on tanks to start, had lost Lt. Perkins.

Company C was low on tanks. Capt. Persky, wounded; Lt. Hilbert C. Jones of Elcho, Wisconsin, wounded. Lt. Sprague, missing. Lt. Sidney Hack of Brooklyn, New York, wounded. Company C had one officer left.

The Germans were still held in Hatten, though.

If you went up to the gentle rolling field south of Hatten, you could see the burned out hulls of American tanks scattered there. You could see the German tanks there, too; and if you wanted to fight your way into the streets of Hatten, you could see more burned out wrecks there. American -- and German.

The Seventh Army decided to pull back: It was only a short distance, but the papers told how the Seventh Army had out-foxed von Rundstedt; how it had fought and fought and fought his counterattacks until the very last second; and then when he put all his weight behind his final punch -- the Seventh had pulled back, and he was swinging at air, and the Seventh was waiting for him again as he stumbled off his balance.

We moved out on the 20th.

We moved back, to the south and the west, and left Hatten behind us. We moved out in the night, and the tanks stayed to cover the infantry; and the line of the battalion -- not as long, now crawled slowly down the black roads.

Behind was Hatten, and behind was the fighting. Behind were the endless artillery barrages and the waiting. Behind were the fires and the dead. Behind was the broken German offensive.

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

I. GENERAL.

A. Purpose -- To provide a simple method to cover those features of operations which lend themselves to a definite or standardized procedure without loss of effectiveness, to save time in the preparation and issuance of orders; and, to minimize the chance for confusion and errors when under stress of combat.

B. Use. —

1. This procedure will govern the operation of this Division, except as changed by orders for a particular operation.

2. There is no absolute routine in combat. Break any coaching rule to succeed.

II. ORGANIZATION.

A. This Division will be organized under subordinate commanders as the situation requires. It will normally be organized under the two Combat Commanders, the Reserve Commander, and the Trains Commander, with the 94th and 125th (-) operating directly under this Headquarters.

B. 1. a. The following attachments will be effective, without further orders from this Headquarters, unless orders for a specific operation direct otherwise:

25 (-A)	A-19	19 (-A)	A-25
47 (-A)	A-68	62 (-A)	D-48
48 (-D)	A-62	68 (-A)	A-47

b. This Headquarters, and others responsible at the time for assignment of bivouac areas will locate the following units in adjacent areas, so as to facilitate attachments prescribed above.

25 near 19
47 near 68
48 near 62

2. When orders for command composition issue the following will govern, unless exceptions are directed:

FORMATION "A"

CCA 48, 62, and 499
CCB 47, 68, and 500
RES 25, 19, and 501

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3. No messages will be transmitted in clear text unless authendicated for such transmission by the originator.

4. Provisions will be made by units for alternate means of communication by messenger, pyrotechnics, panel, wire, as available, and Officer courier.

5. Commands operating under direct control of this Headquarters will maintain a radio in the Division Command Net at all times.

6. Units assigned to a command for or during an operation will immediately report a radio into the command net of the command concerned (according to S. S. I.).

7. Command Posts will be located upon the axis prescribed by the next higher headquarters. Command Post locations will be reported by all units to the next higher headquarters. Upon movement of Command Post a guide will be posted to direct messengers to the new location.

8. Each command to include battalions will maintain a motor messenger at the message center of the next higher tactical headquarters at all times.

9. Where the situation permits, messenger service will be scheduled from Division Headquarters M/C to the M/C of the commands operating directly under this Headquarters.

10. Important communications will be transmitted by dual means. If a message is cryptographed to be transmitted by one means it must be cryptographed in the same system to be sent by an alternate means.

11. Wire will be laid between the Forward Echelon and the Rear Echelon, between the Forward Echelon and Combat Commands, and between the Forward Echelon and Reserve Command in cases where time will permit. Administrative communications will be transmitted by wire whenever practicable.

B. Liaison.

1. Officer liaison will be maintained laterally R to L, and from lower to higher command echelons. Units to include battalions will provide their liaison officers with appropriate means of prompt transmission of information.

2. Situation liaison officers from lower units will be sent to next higher command echelon on call or according to announced schedule.

3. Liaison officers (except Trains, with G-4) detailed to Division Headquarters will be attached to G-3 Section and rationed with Headquarters Company.

V. INTELLIGENCE.

A. Combat Intelligence.

1. All reports will include:

a. Who, what, when, where observed.

b. Unit which obtained information.

FORMATION "B"

CCA 47, 48, 62 and 499
CCB 19, 68 and 500
RES 25 and 501

FORMATION "C"

CCA 47 and 48
CCB 62, 68 and 125
RES 19, 25, 499, 500, and 501

NOTE: If Formation "C" the attachments to [illegible] ions prescribed in paragraph B 1 a, above, do not apply.

III. COMMAND AND STAFF.

A. Orders.

1. The use of Warning Orders will be habitual.

2. Fragmentary Orders in the form of messages (radio or messenger), sketches, marked maps, or oral instructions will be normal.

3. Orders will normally be issued to Liaison Officers.

4. At the beginning of an operation, when practicable, orders will be issued directly to assembled commanders. Commanders will not be assembled after an operation has been undertaken, except in cases of extreme emergency.

5. Formal written Field Orders may be published either for the information of the command as a whole, to confirm Fragmentary Orders previously issued, or to cover a special operation, the preparation for which requires a considerable time.

B. Division Headquarters.

1. Division Headquarters will operate in subdivisions as follows:

a. A Forward Echelon consisting of personnel and equipment as shown in current T/O & E.

b. A Rear Echelon consisting of the remainder of Headquarters 14th Armored Division and Administrative Center.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND LIAISON.

A. Communications.

1. Current S. O. I. will govern.

2. FM and AM radio will be the primary means of communication.

a. AM radio sets will be operated on CW.

b. In clear text messages, commanders and staff officers will be referred to by their FM radio call words or No's., & not by rank or title.

c. Location of observer.

2. The following will be reported by fastest available means to G-2. Units most endangered will also be notified simultaneously.

a. Combat or reconnaissance aviation.

b. Parachutists.

c. Airborne Troops.

d. Armored or mechanized forces.

e. Use of chemicals by enemy.

3. The following items will be reported immediately to G-2.

a. Appearance of hostile troops.

b. First contact.

c. Details of enemy forces engaged or encountered:

(1) Strength, composition, disposition, location of flanks, direction of movement.

(2) Caliber, intensity, direction and impact area of cannon and small arms fire.

(3) Changes in, reinforcements to, or withdrawal of enemy troops engaged.

(4) New identifications.

d. Number, type, altitude, direction of flight of hostile aircraft.

e. Location, character, extent and means of avoiding obstacles mines, contaminated areas.

f. Type and condition of bridges and roads.

g. Terrain conditions. Suitability for armor.

h. Location, type, size, and condition of landing fields.

i. Location, type, size, and condition of captured supplies and resources.

j. Location, condition, capacity of utilities.

k. Location and identity of previously unreported friendly troops.

4. Directions to reconnaissance agencies will be specific as to information desired, area to be covered, time and place of reports.

5. Prisoners of War, captured documents and material:

a. Prisoner of War Interrogating Teams will be responsible for interrogation of prisoners. Division G-2 will prescribe information to be obtained by such teams.

b. Combat troops will disarm, separate and evacuate prisoners to the Military Police Platoon.

c. CIC - PWIT will report to G-2 all information obtained from enemy documents and interrogation.

6. Maps: Normal supply -- automatic. Supplementary supply and aerial photos by request to G-2.

B. Counterintelligence:

1. Secret and confidential documents will not be taken on combat missions or on reconnaissance. In case of danger of capture information of value to the enemy will be destroyed. A positive means of destroying confidential information will be kept on hand.

2. Signal communications wire leading into enemy territory will be disrupted.

3. Personnel will be instructed to reveal name, rank, and number, if captured; to engage in no conversations on military subjects even with other prisoners. This instruction will be given prior to each activity involving contact with the enemy.

4. In forward combat areas during hours of darkness no lights, striking of matches or lighters will be permitted. Noise will be kept to a minimum. Conversations will be reduced to whispers.

5. Vehicles will be dispersed and camouflaged prior to daybreak. Unit commanders will check twice daily at irregular times on camouflage discipline. When possible, planes will be used for this purpose.

6. Countersign - will be published orally to liaison officers prior to 1200 each day and will be valid from 1800 - 1759.

VI. SECURITY.

A. General.

1. Units responsible for own local air, ground, and gas security. Trains Commander coordinate Rear Echelon and Division Trains.

2. a. Signal for air attack is three blasts on either horn or whistle or siren; or the single word "AIR" on radio nets, either open or silenced.

b. Signal for ground attack is two blasts on either horn, whistle or siren.

c. "All Clear" will be indicated by one long blast on horn, whistle or siren, or the single word "CLEAR" on the radio.

3. Quickly repeated blows on any metal object will be signal for gas. There will be no all clear sounded. Each man will test individually for gas before removing mask.

B. On March.

1. AA weapons manned, air guards alerted.

2. Air attack - all available weapons fire, controlled by company or battalion. All combat vehicles continue march; non-combat vehicles scatter, halt and personnel dismount.

C. At Halt.

1. AA weapons manned, air guards alert and dismounted flank guards posted on commanding terrain.

2. No firing on enemy planes unless plane commits hostile act.

3. In case of alarm all weapons will be manned.

VII. MOVEMENTS.

A. General.

1. The Division normally will march in multiple columns, each column in a designated zone. Control within zones will be by designation of IP's, check points, phase lines, and march objectives.

2. Each driver will be instructed as to where he is going and what to do in case he becomes separated from his organization. Overlay or sketch of route will be furnished drivers operating alone.

3. Vehicles carrying gasoline in containers will refuel without further orders at all halts.

B. Marches.

1. The company, troop, or battery, is the march unit; the battalion is the march serial. Composite serials are divided into similar march units.

2. March rates and distances will be governed by the following:
Rate of march for columns containing medium tanks:

Day	-- 15 mph	(including regular halts)
Night	-- 3 - 8 mph (depending on conditions)	(including regular halts)

Other columns:

Day	-- 20 mph	(including regular halts)
Night	-- 5 - 12 mph (depending on conditions)	(including regular halts)

Maximum Speeds:

Blackout	—	15 mph
Daylight) or at night) w/lights)	—	Messenger, staff and control cars -- 40 mph
	--	Other vehicles (except track laying) -- 35 mph
		Track laying vehicles - 25 mph

Distances between vehicles:

Day — 70 yds. Extended distances — 100 yds.
Night — 50 yds. with lights, except tactical lights, 35 yds. w/o lights.

¼-ton cars will occupy space between other vehicles, following vehicles ahead at 20 to 25 yds.
Time between march units — 1 min.
Time between serials -- 2 min.
All marches will be tactical. Use of guides, officer control posts, and IP's will be habitual.

3. Halts.

a. First halt — 20 minutes ending on the hour, after head of column has marched at least one hour. Time of first halt to be specified in orders of march column commander.

b. Thereafter — halt of 20 minutes every two hours, ending on the hour. Column commanders may increase length of halt for passing by advance notification.

c. After a march of 5 or 6 hours -- troops will halt for at least 3 hours.

d. During all halts, either scheduled or unscheduled, troops and units will move off the road, take such cover as is available in the vicinity and establish local security. Track vehicles will move farthest off the road.

4. A representative from each unit will report to the bivouac of the preceding unit or IP and check the clearance of the preceding unit, assuring that his organization marches in its proper place and at the correct time.

C. Traffic.

1. Priority on routes will be announced.

2. Movements at night will be w/o lights (except tactical), unless otherwise ordered.

3. Control will be by IP's, the use of control posts, and by designation of routes for various elements of the Division.

VIII. BIVOUAC PROCEDURE.

A. Orders.

1. Division orders will prescribe the general area, route, and time of closing for the major units, axis of communication of Division Command Post, rendezvous and rendzvous time for major

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unit bivouac officers.

2. Combat Command (including Reserve and Trains) orders will prescribe general Battalion areas, rendezvous, rendezvous time, meeting point (if common to all Battalions), straggler post, decontamination area (which is also the alternate rally area), axis of communication, and Command Post.

3. Battalion and separate company orders will prescribe place and time of meeting.

B. Duties of Bivouac Officer.

1. Combat Command (including Reserve and Trains).

a. Goes to bivouac with his own guides.

b. Allots areas and selects CP location.

c. Selects entrances and exits.

d. Select straggler post.

e. Designates decontamination area.

f. Meets battalion bivouac officers at rendezvous and gives them all necessary information.

g. Secures meeting points from battalion bivouac officers for troops and supply.

h. Sends messengers with overlay or marked map for:

(1) CC Hq, showing breakdown of area and meeting point.

(2) CC Train commander showing battalion areas, meeting point for trains, administrative restrictions and order of march.

i. Provides guides for passed vehicles.

j. Supervises bivouac procedure.

k. Sends messenger to Division CP when CC has closed in bivouac area.

2. Battalion Bivouac Officer.

a. Receives rendezvous and time from Battalion Commander.

b. Goes with battalion bivouac party to rendezvous to secure all necessary information.

c. Reconnoiters area; allots company areas; locates battalion CP, meeting points for troops and supply.

d. Goes to meet CC bivouac officer and furnishes information of location of Battalion CP and meeting points for troops and supply.

e. Returns to battalion area and completes reconnaissance.

f. Sends guide to meeting point and places necessary battalion guides who will place at the road guards.

g. Supervises bivouac procedure.

h. Sends guides to passed vehicles.

i. Reports by messenger when his battalion has closed in bivouac.

3. Company Bivouac Officer.

a. Goes with Battalion Bivouac Officer.

b. Reconnoiters company area, locates entrances and exits, and locates platoon areas.

c. Meets company at meeting point and directs troops into area.

d. Supervises bivouac procedure.

e. Meets supply echelon and directs them into area.

IX. COMBAT.

A. General.

1. The reinforced battalion will be the basic combat unit.

2. a. Units reporting own situation will state location and time, and will include: Location of most advanced elements, nature of opposition, status of reserves, fuel and ammunition, estimated combat efficiency, situation on right, and left, and present intentions.

b. Unit reports will follow Form 19, page 120, FM 101-5. Periods covered by reports and time of submission to Division Headquarters will be prescribed from time to time.

3. Artillery will normally function as a battalion.

X. SUPPLY AND EVACUATION.

A. Class I.

1. Ration cycle begins with supper.

2. Railhead distribution will be normal.

3. Strength to G-1 daily by 0700.

4. Each vehicle will carry Type "C" rations for driver and regularly assigned passengers or crews.

B. Class II.

Vehicular and armament losses to G-4 daily by 0700.

C. Class III.

1. Consumption reports to G-4 daily by 0700.

2. Full vehicular fuel tanks and T/E Fuel and Lubricant truck loads will be maintained within units.

D. Class V.

1. Expenditures to G-4 by 0700 daily.

E. Water.

1. The Division Engineer prepare and report locations of water points.

2. Water obtained from sources other than established Engineer water points will be chlorinated by the Engineers prior to issue. Every company will carry capsules for this purpose.

PERSONNEL EVACUATION

F. Casualties.

1. Losses: Total losses to G-1 daily by 0700.

2. The Division will prescribe axis of evacuation.

3. The Division Surgeon will recommend the location of all medical installations. Normally one company of the 84th will support each CC and one will remain in reserve with Div Tns. The Division Surgeon will maintain contact with Army (Corps) establishments.

G. Prisoners.

Special instructions will be issued for evacuation and disposition of prisoners.

XI. TRAINS.

A. Composition.

1. Division Trains.

a. Tns Hq & Hq Co, Medical Battalion, Ordnance Maintenance Battalion. Military Police Platoon and Band attached for mess, administration, supply, marches, and bivouacs.

2. Unit Trains.

a. All Service Companies, less Maintenance Platoon, Medical Det., and water trucks.

b. All Service Batteries less ammunition, maintenance platoons, Medical Detachments, and water trucks.

c. Reconnaissance Squadron and Engineers and Separate Companies retain all vehicles unless otherwise ordered.

B. 1. Unit Trains will normally be under unit control for marches and bivouac.

2. Combat Command S-4's will form unit train columns to conform with tactical disposition of combat elements.

XII. ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER.

A. Composition.

Division Headquarters (RE), Battalion Personnel Sections, Company clerks of separate companies, and Signal Company RE Message Center with SCR 299.

B. Commander.

Trains Commander.

C. Mess, Supply, and Transportation.

1. Tns Hq Co will provide:

a. Necessary personnel and equipment for mess and supply.

b. Transportation for Division Headquarters (RE).

2. Battalions will provide transportation for their respective personnel sections.

3. Signal Company will provide transportation for RE Message Center.

D. Security.

1. Internal by personnel of the Administrative Center.

2. Exterior by Trains Commander.

XIII. MAINTENANCE.

A. The Division designates axis of maintenance.

B. One maintenance company normally supports each Combat Command, setting up Service Parks and establishing liaison with maintenance units of supported tactical group.

C. 1. If unit maintenance cannot make rapid repair of a disabled vehicle either the vehicle will be towed to axis or a guide from vehicle will be posted on the axis.

2. Unless needed for immediate battle replacement, at least two crew members including a driver will remain with vehicle.

3. Casual vehicles will be serviced at nearest maintenance facility.

By command of Brigadier General SMITH:

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Colonel, G.S. C.
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OFFICIAL:

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APO 446 U.S. ARMY

12 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Battalion History.

TO : Commanding General, 14th Armored Division, APO 446, U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with Memorandum, Hq, 14th Armd Div, APO 446, U. S. Army, dtd, 4 January 1945, the History of this organization for period 1 December 1944 to 31 December 1944 is hereby submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

THOMAS A. ANDERBERG,
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HISTORY 47TH TANK BATTALION, PERIOD 1 DEC '44 TO 31 DEC '44.

Troop Lists

At Beginning of Period:
Enlisted [redacted] 675
Officers [redacted] 39
Warrant [redacted] 3

Net Changes for Period:
[redacted]

Net Changes for Period:
[redacted] 8
[redacted] None
[redacted] Officers None

At Ending Period:
Enlisted Men 667
Officers 39
Warrant Officers 3

Station

APO 446, U. S. Army
No change during Period

Campaigns

German Campaign
Duration: 14 September 1944 to _____
Auth: War Department, U. S. Army

Commanding Officer

JAMES K. LANN, MAJOR

Losses In Action

In German Campaign
Harold K. Klanderman, Sgt, 37542950 killed 6 Dec
James F. Cazella, Pvt, 31408775 wounded 12 Dec
Raymond J. Ficker, Pvt, 35571414 wounded 19 Dec
Maurice M. Gentry, Pfc, 35608757 wounded 19 Dec
Carl L. Hammond, Pfc, 35584830 wounded 5 Dec
William J. Hopkins, T/5, 36462949 wounded 21 Dec
Floyd L. Jackson, S/Sgt, 38133136 wounded 4 Dec
Frederick A Meg, Sgt, 36287200 wounded 19 Dec
Felix C. Prieur, S/Sgt, 37259398, wounded 13 Dec
Charles E. Sweeney, Sgt, 37282830, wounded 4 Dec

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Prisoners of War during Period

Twelve (12)

Roster of Key Personnel

Bn Staff
Maj AITON S. KIRCHER, Bn. O.
MAJ HENRY W. DRENTIA, S-3.
CAPT ROBERT C. POTTS, S-4.
CAPT WILLIAM C. [illegible], S-3 Air.
CAPT SCELLY A. SPIVEY, S-2.
1st Lt THOMAS A. ANDERSEN, Adj.
2nd Lt PAUL G. WILLIS, Com. O.

Bn Medical Officer
CAPT WILLIAM R. EATON

Bn Maintenance Officer
CAPT CLARENCE J. RYAN

Company Commanders
CAPT JOSEPH CARTER, Hq Co
CAPT ERIC A JOHNSON, Sv Co
CAPT RICHARD A. THARPE, A Co
CAPT THOMAS C. BEATY, B Co
CAPT HAROLD D. PERSKY, C Co
CAPT HENRY P. TILDEN JR, D Co

Promotions

Officers
WILLIAM R. EATON, 0371621 (MC) from 1st Lt to Capt

Enlisted Men
Sgt Floyd L. Jackson, 38133136, 2736, Co B to S/Sgt, 2736
Pfc Buford Reavis, 38072735, 2736, Co C to Cpl, 2736
Pvt Richard D. Horton, 16108636, 2736, Co C to Tec 5, 2736
Pfc Albert Mastrobattista, 42006443, 931, Hq Co to Tec 5, 931
Pfc Leon M. Vojnik, 32776593, 2736, Co B to Sgt, 2736
Pvt Dale Shoup, 35571562, 2736, Co B to Sgt, 2736
Pvt William M. Thompson, 35518927, 2736, Co B to Cpl, 405
Pfc Ralph L. Piccinino, 32584517, 803, Sv Co to Tec 5, 345
Sgt Earl Hooks, 34168235, 2736, Co B to S/Sgt, 2736
Pvt Thomas F. Nunes, 16156673, 2736, Co A to Sgt, 2736
Cpl Harold H. Kiehne, 36627083, 2736, Co A to Sgt, 2736
Pfc Gordon N. Palmer, 37342607, 2736, Co A to Tec 4, 2736

HISTORY 47TH TANK BATTALION, PERIOD 1 DEC '44 to 31 DEC '44 CONT'D.

Awards and Decorations

None.

THOMAS A. ANDERSON,
1st Lt., 47th Tank Battalion,
Adjutant.

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HISTORY 47TH TANK BATTALION, PERIOD 1 JAN '45 to 31 JAN '45.

Troop List

At Beginning of Period:
Enlisted Men 667
Officers 39
Warrant Officers 3

Net Increase for Period:
Enlisted Men 55
Officers 3
Warrant Officers 0

Net Decrease for Period:
Enlisted Men 115
Officers 9
Warrant Officers 0

At End of Period:
Enlisted Men 607
Officers 33
Warrant Officers 3

Station

APO 446, U. S. Army
No change during Period

Campaigns

German Campaign
Duration: 14 September 1944 to_____
Auth: War Department, U. S. Army

Commanding Officer

JAMES W. LANN, LT COL

Losses In action

In German Campaign
Allen, Morris O. Pfc, 18185022, KIA 7 Jan
Geiger, Kenneth C. Sgt, 35121838, KIA 16 Jan
Mehrg, John F. Sgt, 31236743, KIA 13 Jan
Phillips, John L. 1st Lt, 01015339, KIA 17 Jan
Herman, Harvey L. Pfc, 32584548, KIA 14 Jan
Yehn, Carl W. Cpl, 35617022, KIA 7 Jan
Rynn, James K. Pvt, 39210403, KIA 3 Jan

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Bowlin, Andy Tec 5, 35675491, MIA 13 Jan
Bunde, Maurice Pvt, 37249613, MIA 7 Jan
Cobbledick, Landford N. Cpl, 39034042, MIA 15 Jan
Chambers, Maylett E. Tec 4, 32584042, MIA 15 Jan
Chambers, James W. Pvt, 38528947, MIA 7 Jan
Clark, John R. Sgt, 35570422, MIA 7 Jan
Eidson, James A. Pfc, 34931219, MIA 7 Jan
Frazier, William R. Jr. Pfc, 34775115 MIA 7 Jan
Gibson, Samuel W. Cpl, 33395762, MIA 7 Jan
Hills, Robert D. Cpl, 31236585, MIA 15 Jan
Harris, Rodney W. Pfc, 6888964, MIA 19 Jan
Herbert, John H. Sgt, 36073491, MIA 13 Jan
Heimer, Glenn M. Pfc, 33729276, MIA 15 Jan
Hamilton, Deral W. Tec 5, 34674038, MIA 3 Jan
Jorgenson, Forrest C. Tec 5, 32584832, MIA 13 Jan
Kruegar, Verle A. Tec 5, 37447125, MIA 15 Jan
Kruse, Andrew J. Cpl, 37246087, MIA 13 Jan
Kahl, Charles R. Pfc, 18248813, MIA 14 Jan
Kulawiak, Edward W. Tec 4, 32671375, MIA 15 Jan
Laddison, Edgar M. Tec 4, 32664622, MIA 13 Jan
Lawless, Henry Pfc, 35642182, MIA 13 Jan
Maines, Gilbert Tec 4, 35675619, MIA 15 Jan
McCauley, James R. S/Sgt, 12077337, MIA 13 Jan
Monty, Earl F. Pvt, 31424018, MIA 19 Jan
Murphy, William M. Tec 5, 35718546, MIA 15 Jan
Nesterek, John Cpl, 13134959, MIA 15 Jan
Plum, Clayton C. Tec 5, 37466707, MIA 14 Jan
Pearce, Thomas V. Cpl, 34465015, MIA 13 Jan
Palmer, Hayes F. Pfc, 35768807, MIA 13 Jan
Rohling, Everett E. Sgt, 35570398, MIA 15 Jan
SPRAGUE, SETH JR. 2ND LT, 0544266, MIA 13 Jan
Schaeffer, John Jr. Sgt, 16157015, MIA 13 Jan
Scarcitelli, John A. Cpl, 33394974, MIA 14 Jan
Smith, Howard E. Sgt, 35570550, MIA 15 Jan
Szafranski, Adam Pfc, 32692017, MIA 15 Jan
Tindsley, Fred P. Sgt, 34592218, MIA 17 Jan
Thompson, William M. Cpl, 35518927, MIA 7 Jan
Verdier, Jerry C. Pvt, 33503984, MIA 13 Jan
Van Arden, Herbert L. Pvt, 32669801, MIA 13 Jan
Bertz, John G. Tec 4, 32672234, MIA 15 Jan
Weichelt, William O. Cpl, 13170555, MIA 15 Jan
Allwein, Robert A. Pfc, 13092099, MIA 15 Jan
Alfieri, Daniel J. Jr. Pfc, 32588449, MIA 7 Jan
Burelas, Anton J. Pfc, 36285317, MIA 16 Jan
Catlett, Harding M. Pfc, 35689324, MIA 13 Jan
Camilloni, Leo P. Cpl, 32672007, MIA 14 Jan
Cotten, Raymond D. S/Sgt, 38286224, MIA 16 Jan
Chamblee, Milton J. Tec 5, 37355314, MIA 7 Jan

Dettmer, Marvin F. Tec 5, 37245948, WIA 16 Jan
D'Ottone, Vito Tec 4, 32329714, WIA 13 Jan
Duncan, Harvey J. Sgt, 19200764, WIA 17 Jan
DuFall, Richard L. Pfc, 36453479, WIA 17 Jan
Dziechciara, Anthony Cpl, 32671991, WIA 7 Jan
Edbauer, Donald G. Pfc, 32672603, WIA 7 Jan
Erck, James L. S/Sgt, 33401516, WIA 7 Jan
Fain, Hugh J. Cpl, 35642520, WIA 15 Jan
Freed, Murray M. Pvt, 42006390, WIA 17 Jan
Franco, Peter P. Pfc, 12126911, WIA 17 Jan
Gall, Daniel A. Cpl, 33401380, WIA 7 Jan
Gerhardstein, Vernard J. Pfc, 35675166, WIA 15 Jan
HAGA, SIDNEY 2ND LT, 01061443, WIA 15 Jan
Hanson, Charles M. Pvt, 17132358, WIA 16 Jan
Holz, Eugene A. Tec 5, 36288126, WIA 14 Jan
Hogan, Robert E. Tec 5, 32588794, WIA 18 Jan
Hooks, Earl S/Sgt, 34168235, WIA 10 Jan
Hobbs, Louis O. Sgt, 6293693, WIA 17 Jan
Horner, Kenneth L. Cpl, 35571783, WIA 13 Jan
Hillwick, Arthur C. Pfc, 39211000, WIA 18 Jan
JONES, HILBERT C. 1ST LT, 01015961, WIA 13 Jan
Jodlowski, Stanley S. Tec 4, 16069468, WIA 7 Jan
Jupinko, Andrew C. Pfc, 32583967, WIA 7 Jan
Kaulmann, Albert M. Pfc, 32628957, WIA 7 Jan
Kraleski, Eugene L. Pvt, 36695912, WIA 19 Jan
Krodel, Ralph E. Cpl, 35718263, WIA 21 Jan
Kuzniewski, Stanley T. Pfc, 36286459, WIA 6 Jan
Larson, Lawrence C. Tec 4, 37542078, WIA 19 Jan
Lascher, Philip J. Tec 5, 32401501, WIA 13 Jan
Lefler, Lyle E. S/Sgt, 38120633, WIA 13 Jan
Lisme, Walter J. Sgt, 35571485, WIA 22 Jan
Lire, Stanley H. Tec 5, 32589416, WIA 13 Jan
MARSHALL, FRANCIS E. 2ND LT, 0532691, WIA 13 Jan
Meenard, William M. Sgt, 32671357, WIA 16 Jan
Murphy, Robert E. Pfc, 37609448, WIA 7 Jan
Moore, Gene Pvt, 38216212, WIA 17 Jan
Manley, Thomas E. Sgt, 36626560, WIA 17 Jan
Meeava, Louis Pfc, 36776924, WIA 16 Jan
Mason, George Sgt, 37250598, WIA 14 Jan
Owens, Monroe J. Pfc, 38179828, WIA 13 Jan
PAROKY, HAROLD D. CAPT, 0450102, WIA 15 Jan
Pile, Charles A. Cpl, 35591494, WIA 15 Jan
Popenfuss, Harold F. Pfc, 32588865, WIA 15 Jan
Plank, Loy B. Pfc, 33258645, WIA 17 Jan
Pitcher, John P. Tec 4, 33762392, WIA 15 & 17 Jan
Peterson, Roy W. Tec 4, 37542345, WIA 17 Jan
Peterson, Ansel F. Tec 4, 31255930, WIA 13 Jan

Pulliam, Bethel F. Tec 5, 35688705, WIA 18 Jan
Rittenour, Benjamin F. Pfc, 33444122, WIA 20 Jan
RAEL, SCL. 1ST LT, 01016926, WIA 5 & 15 Jan
Reinert, Wallace K. Pfc, 36838475, WIA 17 Jan
Rocha, Jacinto Pfc, 38544441, WIA 14 Jan
Rusnak, Mike S. Jr. Tec 4, 33395720, WIA 18 Jan
Russell, Richard Cpl, 39116330, WIA 13 Jan
Sutkowski, Mathew J. Tec 5, 32671268, WIA 7 Jan
Samulski, John K. Tec 5, 12215480, WIA 7 Jan
Schuls, Edward W. Pfc, 36838484, WIA 14 Jan
Shoup, Dale Sgt, 35571562, WIA 7 Jan
Snodgrass, Wilbur H. Cpl, 35642303, WIA 13 Jan
Stevenson, Verne D. Pfc, 37534028, WIA 17 Jan
Stolpe, Edward W. Tec 5, 33359156, WIA 7 Jan
Stach, Vincent F. Sgt, 32585130, WIA 7 Jan
Szymanski, Anthony V. Tec 5, 36315078, WIA 17 Jan
THORPE, RICHARD A. CAPT, 0434468, WIA 13 Jan
Tripi, Anthony Pvt, 32669588, WIA 13 Jan
UNRUTH, HENRY W. MAJ, 024966, WIA 4 Jan
Valastek, Kalman J. Cpl, 33258003, WIA 16 Jan
Vrtnar, Rudolph Pvt, 39216153, WIA 20 Jan
Weaver, Noah W. Pfc, 35209660, WIA 7 Jan
Walsh, Donald J. Pfc, 36286549, WIA 7 Jan
Waters, Clarence E. S/Sgt, 6730973, WIA 15 Jan
Wininger, Ivan A. Pvt, 35688494, WIA 7 Jan
Wright, Robert E. Pfc, 38561159, WIA 24 Jan
WALLACE, CHARLES B. 1ST LT, 01014403, WIA 19 Jan
Whisman, Gene E. Pfc, 35709807, WIA 18 Jan
PERKINS, JOHN L. 1ST LT, 01015339, WIA 7 Jan
Alusai, Samuel A. Cpl, 32589131, KIA 17 Jan
Cassella, James Pfc, 31408755, KIA 15 Jan
Goodman, Herman C. Pfc, 38223253, KIA 15 Jan
Gutierrez, Jessie Pfc, 36287117, KIA 18 Jan
Hammond, Carl L. Pvt, 32584830, KIA 16 Jan
Healey, John N. Jr. Pfc, 32587909, KIA 17 Jan
Kenary, Albert R. Cpl, 32570742, KIA 15 Jan
Swift, Charles E. Pfc, 33721922, KIA 15 Jan
Smith, Pennington P. S/Sgt, 38335959, KIA 16 Jan
Seidman, Philip M. Pfc, 33721922, KIA 15 Jan
Sexton, Ambrose T. Cpl, 35571529, KIA 18 Jan

Prisoners of War During Period

Fourty-three (43) Returned throug 79th Inf Div PW Cage

Roster of Key Personnel

Bn Staff
MAJ ALTON S. KIRCHER, EX. O.

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CAPT HENRY P. TILDEN JR, S-3
CAPT ROBERT C. PORTE, S-4
CAPT WILLIAM C. BRIE, S-3 AIR
CAPT SOLIN A. SPIVEK, S-2
1ST LT THOMAS A. ANDERSEN, ADJ.
2ND LT PAUL C. WELLS, QUM. O.

Bn Medical Officer
CAPT WILLIAM R. EATON

Bn Maintenance Officer
CAPT CLARENCE J. RYAN

Company Commanders
CAPT JOSEPH CARTER, HQ CO
1ST LT ERIC A. ORSINI, SV CO
CAPT RICHARD A. THARPE, "A" CO
CAPT THOMAS C. BEATY, "B" CO
1ST LT ROBERT C. HARPER, "C" CO
2ND LT EUGENE W. MARSACK, "D" CO

Promotions

Officers
JAMES W. LAMB, 0325222, IBF from MAJ to LT COL
FELIX C. PRIMER, 02006387, appointed from S/Sgt
PENNINGTON P. SMITH, 02006386, appointed from S/Sgt
EDWARD S. PIDGEON, 02006368, appointed from S/Sgt
EMILE A. SIMPSON, 02006366, appointed from Sgt
HENRY J. PARKO, 02000766, appointed from S/Sgt

Enlisted Men
Pfc Walter D. Youngs, 32585080, 2736, Co A, to Tec 5, 2736
Pvt Leo P. Camilloni, 32672007, 2736, Co A, to Cpl, 2736
Pvt Lawrence O. Daluga, 36715410, 2736, Co A, to Cpl, 2736
Pvt Leonard H. Glasser, 34783511, 2736, Hq Co to Cpl, 2736
Tec 5 Clifford J. Brindel, 37542433, 660, Co C to Sgt, 2736
Pfc Paul A. Wesner, 36289322, 660, Co C to Tec 5, 660
Pfc John H. Sweet, 15382451, 1736, Co D to Tec 5, 1736
Pfc Emory A. Parker, 34168482, 1736, Co D to Tec 5, 1736
Pvt Lloyd D. Burnett, 35570882, 1736, Co D to Tec 5, 1736
Cpl Melvin S. Bauder, 37346992, 2736, Co A to Sgt, 2736
Tec 5 Armando Arias, 32295000, 060, Co A to Tec 4, 060
Pfc Frank N. Rodzewicz, 36286592, 060, Co A to Tec 5, 341
Tec 5 Marvin W. Jones, 35718301, 256, Sv Co to Tec 4, 256
Pfc Robert G. Hagan, 36612324, 660, Sv Co to Tec 5, 256
Cpl John L. Lowe, 36627340, 2736, Co C to Sgt, 2736
Pfc Darrell A. Martin, 37240710, 2736, Co C to Cpl, 2736
Sgt Henry S. Franklin, 32587879, 2736, Co C to S/Sgt, 2736

HISTORY 47TH TANK BATTALION, PERIOD 1 JAN '45 to 31 JAN '45.

Pfc Dominick D. D'Amore, 32588796, 607, Hq Co to Cpl, 607
Tec 5 Adolph D. Ketschi, 16156164, 014, Sv Co to Tec 4, 014
Pfc William C. Darnell, 34134390, 660, Sv Co to Tec 5, 014
Tec 5 Robert E. Hogan, 32588794, 1736, Co D to Tec 4, 1736
Cpl Lawrence O. Daluga, 36715410, 2736, Co A to Sgt, 2736

Awards and Decorations

Mog, Fred A. Sgt, 36287280, Co C - Silver Star
McCauley, James R. S/Sgt, 12077337, Co C - Bronze Star
COXE, TRAVIS 1ST LT, 01016219, Co A - " "
Roberts, Eli A. Tec 4, 32664334, Co A - " "
Fultz, Russel L. Cpl, 35688512, Co A - " "
Haney, Charles Pfc, 35587350, Co A - " "
Campagni, Samuel P. Pvt, 32588024, Co A - " "
THARPE, RICHARD A. CAPT, 0454468, Co A - " "
Wheeler, Harbert R. Tec 4, 39404861, Co B - " "
Lutterbach, Carl E. Tec 5, 16091562, Co B - " "
Wells, James E. Cpl, 32672472, Co B - " "

THOMAS A. ANDERBERG,
1st Lt., 47th Tank Battalion,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
47th TANK BATTALION
APO 446 U.S. ARMY

10 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Battalion History.

TO : Commanding General, 14th Armored Division, APO 446, U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with Memorandum, HQ, 14th Armd Div, APO 446, U. S. Army, dtd., 4 January 1945, the History of this organization for the period 1 February 1945 to 28 February 1945 is hereby submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

THOMAS A. McDONALD,
1st Lt., 47th Tank Battalion,
Adjutant.

4-Incls:
Narrative History 1 February to 28 February 1945.
S-3 Journal 1 February to 28 February 1945.
S-2 Journal 1 February to 28 February 1945.
History 1 February to 28 February 1945.

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HISTORY 47TH TANK BATTALION, PERIOD 1 FEB '45 to 28 FEB '45.

Troop List

At Beginning of Period:
Enlisted Men 610
Officers 33
Warrant Officers 3

Net Increase for Period:
Enlisted Men 57
Officers 8
Warrant Officers None

Net Decrease for Period:
Enlisted Men 24
Officers 3
Warrant Officers 1

At End of Period:
Enlisted Men 667
Officers 41
Warrant Officers 2

Station

APO 446, U. S. Army
No change during period

ADC

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Campaigns

German Campaign
Duration: 14 September 1944 to_____
Auth: War Department, U. S. Army

Commanding Officer

JAMES W. LANN, LT COL

Losses In Action

In German Campaign
Sulzbach, Lawrence S. S/Sgt., 32094438, AUS 23 Feb

Prisoners of War During Period

None

ROSTER of Key Personnel

Bn Staff
MAJ LEON S. KINCHER, Ex. O.

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HISTORY 47TH [illegible] BATTALION, [illegible] 1 FEB '45 to 28 FEB '45.

[illegible] CAPT [illegible], S-3
[illegible] CAPT [illegible] POTTS, S-4
[illegible] 1LT [illegible] MILLS, ASST S-3 for AIR & COMM. O.
[illegible] CAPT [illegible] SPIVA, S-2
[illegible] 1LT [illegible], ADJ.
[illegible] 1LT [illegible] CLOPPER, IN. O.

In Charge of Motor
CAPT [illegible] A. MATON

In Charge of Maintenance Officer
CAPT CLARENCE J. RYAN

Company Commanders
CAPT WILLIAM J. [illegible], H. Co
CAPT ERIC A. GUSLAI, Sv Co
CAPT [illegible], [illegible]
CAPT [illegible], [illegible]
CAPT [illegible], [illegible]
1LT [illegible], [illegible] Co

Promotions

Officers
[illegible] DAVALY, O1062404, Inf - 2D LT to 1ST LT
[illegible], O1018695, Inf - 2D LT to 1ST LT
[illegible], O1024992, Inf - 2D LT to 1ST LT
[illegible], O1019158, Inf - 2D LT to 1ST LT
Joseph [illegible], O1545721, MAC - 2D LT to 1ST LT
[illegible], O1018[illegible], Inf - 2D LT to 1ST LT
[illegible], O1006601, appointed from S/Sgt
[illegible] O1014019, Inf - 1ST LT to CAPT
[illegible], O1007175, appointed from T/Sgt
[illegible], [illegible], appointed from Tec 4

Enlisted Men
[illegible], 37[illegible], 2736, Co [illegible] to S/Sgt, 2736
[illegible], 2736, Co [illegible] to S/Sgt, 2736
Tec 4 Lester [illegible], 3[illegible], 658, Co A to Sgt, 2[illegible]
Pvt Stephen [illegible], 3[illegible], 2736, Co [illegible] to Cpl, 2736
Tec 5 Walter [illegible], 3[illegible], 2736, Co [illegible] to Cpl, 2736
Tec [illegible], 3[illegible], 2[illegible], Co A to Tec 5, 5[illegible]
Pfc Robert [illegible], 37[illegible], 2736, Co B to Tec 5, 2736
Pfc Henry F. Letner, [illegible], 2736, Co H to Tec 5, 2736
Cpl [illegible] J. [illegible], 3[illegible], 2736, Co A to Sgt, 2736
Pfc Thomas [illegible], 3[illegible], 2736, Co [illegible] to Cpl, 2[illegible]
Pvt James [illegible], 3[illegible], 2736, Co A to Cpl, 2736
Tec 5 Wayne [illegible], 36[illegible], 2736, Co A to Tec 4, 2736
Tec 5 Donald Howe, 37[illegible], 2736, Co A to Tec 4, 2736

HISTORY 47TH TANK BATTALION, PERIOD 1 FEB '45 to 28 FEB '45.

Pfc John Fergen, 33395702, 2736, Co A to Tec 5, 2736
Pfc Maurice N. Gentry, 35688757, 2736, Co A to Tec 5, 2736
Pfc Eugene C. Zarbaugh, 35616607, 2736, Co A to Tec 5, 2736
Tec 5 Leo S. Blake, 35615848, 511, Co B to Tec 4, 802
Pfc Albert M. Kaufmann, 35684957, 2736, Co B to Sgt, 2736
Pvt Wallace Hochman, 32993416, 803, Co B to Tec 5, 2736
Pfc Michael Sterchak, 33600373, 2736, Co B to Tec 5, 2736
Cpl Ernest M. Flanagan, 37615781, 345, Sv Co to S/Sgt, 345
Sgt Robert C. Smith, 35615995, 1736, Co D to S/Sgt, 1736
Tec 5 Vergil B. Bardwell, 39268782, 1736, Co D To Sgt, 1736
Pfc Jay N. McNaney, 32588140, 1736, Co D to Sgt, 1736
Pvt Albert R. Kasary, 32570742, 1736, Co D to Sgt, 1736
Tec 5 Hugh K. Garuner, 35689333, 2736, Hq Co To Tec 4, 2736
Tec 5 Oscar T. Mouser, 35688994, 1736, Co D to Tec 4, 2736
Tec 5 Henry A. Parker, 34169482, 1736, Co D to Tec 4, 2736
Pfc Edward B. Hoy, 38158740, 1736, Co D to Tec 5, 1736
Pvt Patrick [illegible]. Egan, 32671370, 1736, Co D to Tec 5, 1736
Pfc John [illegible]. Smith, 18[illegible]464, 1736, Co D to Tec 5, 1736
Pfc Anthony Tripi, 32669[illegible], 511, Co D to Tec 5, 511
Pfc Charles J. Haney, 35587350, 2736, Co A to Sgt, 2736
Pfc Burton [illegible]. Miller, 11104294, 2736, Co B to Sgt, 2736
Pfc Eugene E. Armstrong, 36024653, Co B to Tec 4, 2736
Tec 5 Kenneth C. Johnson, 37413090, 345, Sv Co to Sgt, 345
Sgt Edward H. Bernashuk, 32672013, 2736, Hq Co to S/Sgt, 2736
Sgt Dominick D. D'Amore, 32588796, 607, Hq Co to Sgt, 1607
Cpl Leonard H. Glasser, 34703511, 2736, Hq Co to Sgt, 2736
Pfc Jay Furse, 32587674, 2736, Hq Co to Cpl, 2736
Pfc Russell [illegible]. Needham, 35635509, Hq Co to Cpl, 607
Pfc Jacob N. Weinstein, 12201158, Hq Co to Cpl, 2736
Pvt Thomas J. Vensey, 19050311, Hq Co to Tec 5, 931
Pfc Daniel J. Alfieri, Jr, 32588449, 2736 Co B to Cpl, 2736
Pfc Howard E. Holdman, 35746701, 405, Co B to Cpl, 405
Pfc Ivan R. Minninger, 35668494, 2736, Co B to Cpl, 2736
Pvt Howard P. Dor, 37542504, Co B to Tec 5, 2736
Tec 4 Herbert A. Wheeler, 39404861, 660, Co B to S/Sgt, 2736
Sgt Claude E. Newton, 3[illegible], 2736, Co C to S/Sgt, 2736
Tec 4 Clarence A. Schiber, 36437006, Co D to T/Sgt, Cl4
Sgt Raymond I. Capps, 39174867, 2736, Co C to Sgt, 2736
Sgt Samuel A. Glenn, 33871602, 2736, Co C to Sgt, 2736
Sgt Harrell A. Martin, 37240710, 2736, Co C to Sgt, 2736
Sgt William A. Miller, 35571265, 2736, Co C to Sgt, 2736
Cpl Frank J. Motyka, 32589148, Co Coto Sgt, 2736
Cpl John A. Piper, 37447[illegible], 2736, Co C to Sgt, 2736
Tec 5 Lyle S. Clute, 35570933, 2736, Co C to Tec 4, 2736
Tec 5 Benjamin H. Stone, Jr, 18122558, 2736, Co Co to Tec 4, 2736
Pfc Otha L. Hoy, 35711218, 2736, Co C to Tec 4, 2736
Pvt William H. Lourdeaux, 39052773, 2736, Co C to Tec 4, 2736
Pfc Raymond J. Clark, 13146385, 2736, Co Co to Cpl, 2736
Pfc Jack E. Grant, 18147957, 2736, Co C to Cpl, 2736
Pfc William H. Hall, 32580060, 2736, Co C to Cpl, 2736

HISTORY 47TH TANK BATTALION, PERIOD 1 FEB '45 to 28 FEB '45.

Pfc Seymour Lisnov, 32637371, 2736, Co C to Cpl, 2736
Pfc Robert T. Loftin, Jr, 38405195, 2736, Co C to Cpl, 2736
Pfc Clifford L. Marsh, 39621519, 2736, Co C to Cpl, 2736
Pfc Sidney Rosen, 32963681, 2736, Co C to Cpl, 2736
Tec 5 Joseph C. Rupar, 33291703, 1736, Co D to Cpl, 1736
Pfc Charles J. Rosch, 34972846, 345, Sv Co to Tec 5, 614
Cpl Russell L. Fultz, 35688512, 2736, Co A to Sgt, 2736
Cpl Leon J. Maiolo, 32588566, 2736, Co A to Sgt, 2736
Cpl George O. Davis, 32670618, 2736, Co A to Sgt, 2736
Pfc Charles W. Hudson, 17132358, 2736, Co A to Cpl, 2736
Pfc Frank M. Fulling, 42041149, 2736, Co A to Cpl, 2736
Pvt Donald B. Gardner, 18147820, 2736, Co A to Cpl, 2736
Pvt Reginald W. Rott, 31471332, 2736, Co A to Cpl, 2736
Pvt Roy C. Roberts, 17074220, 2736, Co A to Cpl, 2736
Pvt Arthur J. Burnett, 37596514, 2736, Co C to Tec 5, 2736
Pfc Harding M. Catlett, 35689324, 2736, Co C to Tec 5, 2736
Pfc Floyd C. Mahoney, 38247856, 521, Co C to Tec 5, 2736
Pfc Harold F. Hagler, 16156307, 2736, Co C to Tec 5, 2736
Pfc James A. Malsdorf, 36773952, 660, Co C to Tec 5, 2736
Pfc Harold W. Zeigler, 37525473, 2736, Co C to Tec 5, 2736

Awards and Decorations

HARRY A. BAUTIA, MAJ, 0214966, Bn Hq - Bronze Star
Anthony V. Szymanski, Tec 5, 36315078, Med Det - Bronze Star
James L. Stump, Tec 5, 32229800, Co A - Bronze Star
PENNINGTON F. SMITH, Inf, 02006386, Co A - Bronze Star
John Nestorek, Cpl, 13134939, Co C - Bronze Star
Kenneth C. Geiger, Sgt, 35121838, Co A - Bronze Star
Ivan R. Hininger, Pvt, 35688494, Co B - Bronze Star
EUGENE W. KARBACK, 1ST LT, 01014591, Co D - Bronze Star
JAMES A. LANE, LT COL, Inf, 0825222, Bn Hq - Bronze Star
ALTON S. KIRCHER, MAJ, Cav, 0315742, Bn Hq - Bronze Star
William R. Fudda, S/Sgt, 39033955, Hq Co - Bronze Star
Henry J. Erickson, Pvt, 32992755, Co D - Bronze Star
EARL A. ALLGIER, 1ST LT, Cav, 01010028, Hq Co - Bronze Star
William T. Summers, Sgt, 32045224, Co C - Bronze Star
[illegible] RAEL, 1ST LT, Co A - Bronze Star
James Barbara, 32976941, Pfc, Co A - Bronze Star
FRANCIS E. MARSHALL, 2D LT, 0532691, Co A - Bronze Star
John F. Pitcher, Tec 4, 33762393, Co D - Bronze Star
Thomas F. Hines, Sgt, 16156673, Co A - Bronze Star
Richard L. DuVall, Pfc, 36452479, Co D - Bronze Star

THOMAS A. ANDERBERG,
1st Lt., 47th Tank Battalion,
Adjutant.

In comparison with the month of January, the month of February was one of the calm. Perhaps it foreshadows a storm that may lie ahead. That remains to be seen. The [illegible] snow which caused so much discomfort last month disappear and in its place an early spring sun brought its natural warmth. But with pleasure there must always be a degree of displeasure — mud always a source of trouble to Armored Units in the States, there is no exception in the ETO.

Activities of the companies were confined to the performance of guard duty, re-equipment & supply, care and cleaning of equipment and receiving many reinforcements, and training of reinforcements.

On the 5th of February the 2nd Plt of D Company was relieved from the 79th Infantry Division and attached to the 101st Airborne Division this date and moved its CP to HAGUENAU where its duties were to be performed. Company A was also attached to the 101st Airborne Division this date and moved its CP to HAGUENAU where its duties were to be perfomred. These duties continued until the 14th of February when Company B relieved Company A which moved to KNOERSHEIM. On the 12th of February the Plt of Company D which was on outpost duty at the 14th Armored Division was relieved by Company D of the 18th Tank Battalion. Company C moved from WESTHOUSE to ALTENHEIM on the 15th. Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company, whose CP's were located at KLEINGOEFT moved to FRIEDOLSHEIM on the 21st of February accompanied by Company A. During the month of February the CP's of Service and D Companies remained in the town of WESTHOUSE.

While not engaged in guard activities the battalion continued an extensive training program so that each man with each company would be more than adequately prepared to perform his duties in the organizations next engagement. Through the program, reinforcements are given refresher and adoanced training in order that they might neet the Arrys, "best trained soldier," Standards.

The older men continue training to protect these achieved standards.

On the 24th of February the Battalion lost 2 Enlisted Men killed and 1 Offic and five Enlisted men injured when a flame thrower attached to a medium tank exploded during a demonstration.

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[illegible] Armored
[illegible] 446 U.S. Army

12 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Battle [illegible] History.

TO : Commanding General, 14th Armored Division, APO 446. U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with Memorandum, Hq, 14th Armd Div, APO 446, U. S. Army, dtd., 4 [illegible] 1945, the History of this organization for the period 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945 is hereby submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

[illegible],
[illegible], 4/th Armd Battalion,
Lieutenant.

4-Incl:
Narrative History 1 March to 31 March 1945.
S-3 Journal 1 March to 31 March 1945.
S-2 Journal 1 March to 31 March 1945.
History 1 March to [illegible] March 1945.

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NARRATIVE HISTORY OF 47TH TANK BATTALION, PERIOD 1 MAR TO 31 MAR 1945

The month of March found with the 47th Tank Battalion occupied in a systematic schedule of training. The battalion was located in the towns of FRIEDOLSHEIM, ALTENHEIM, KLEINGOEFT and WESTHOUSE, FRANCE under control of Combat Command Reserve. The battalion reverted to CCA control on the 4th of March at 0600. On the 4th of March "B" Company moved from Kleingoeft to FURCHHAUSEN, "D" Company moved from [illegible] to [illegible] and Service Company moved from [illegible] to [illegible]. The movement of these companies was [illegible] in the battalion bivouac area under CCA control. The battalion remained in CCA until 041700 March when CCA relieved CCB and reverted to CCB control.

During the period 4th March to 11th March the battalion continued a systematic training program with one platoon of "D" Company outposting Division Headquarters in the vicinity of DERMILLER, FRANCE. On the 10th of March the battalion reverted to CCB control. One platoon of "B" Company was alerted to move and outpost CCB Headquarters on the 11th of March. "C" Company was exchanged for "C" Company of the 62nd Armored Infantry Battalion. Assault Gun platoon was attached to CCA and moved to the vicinity of [illegible], FRANCE. On the 12th of March Service Company moved from [illegible], to [illegible], FRANCE.

The battalion remained under control of CCB until the 18th of March at which time it reverted to CCB control and was alerted to move to an assembly area vicinity [illegible], FRANCE and to receive normal attachments, (Attchmts to battalion - A-19 AAA; 3B 94th Eng; 2B 125th Engrs; Det 84th Med; MP Det and FO's from 499th AFA.)

Battalion CP closed in FRIEDOLSHEIM, FRANCE at 151450 March when Bn (-) began movement to assembly area. Bn (-) closed in assembly area vicinity

abandoned 88 AT Gun and the battalion suffered a total of 9 casualties in the attack on [illegible], GERMANY. The town was cleared at about 232030 March and the battalion moved forward to an assembly area vicinity of HULZHEIM, GERMANY. From this point launched an attack on the town of GERMERSHEIM with a rear CP remaining in the vicinity of BELLHEIM. The attack on GERMERSHEIM met with light resistance. "A", "B" and "D" Companies entered town of GERMERSHEIM at about 241715 March. Rear CP remained in vicinity of BELLHEIM until 251000 March when remainder of the battalion moved into the town of GERMERSHEIM. Day was occupied with continued clearing of the town and setting up of town defense for night security. Town was cleared with total enemy vehicles destroyed (24-25 March) 8-AT's (6-88's, 1-76, 1-77), 4-Tanks (M4), 1-SP Cal. unknown, 16-Flak Wagons (20MM) and 670 PW's for the period.

The battalion was alertedfor movement to an assembly area vicinity KAPPELLEN, GERMANY as the 36th Division was relieving the 14th Armored Division in this sector. Battalion billeted in GERMERSHEIM night of the 25th March and began movement to new assembly position 260925 March, closing at 261245. Remainder of day spent in occuping town and setting up towndefense and security of KAPPELLEN and DRUEBWEILER, GERMANY.

The period 27th March - 30th March was spent in the policing of towns and immediate vicinity, clearing of pill-boxes and the searching of all buildings. On the 27th of March Rcn Plt made a route reconnaissance north to NEUSTADT. The 28th of March was spent in a systematic search of sector for security and conducting of scheduled training. Rcn Plt made a route reconnaissance to the east to MAXIMILIANSAU and north east to LAMBERSHEIM and the immediate area of the assembly area. 29th of March companies were occupied in policing of towns and assigned areas, maintenance of vehicles and weapons and personal equipment. Combat Patrol patrolled assembly area. Battalion was put on 2-hour alert. 30th and 31st of March battalion made preparation for movement north.

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HISTORY 47TH TANK BATTALION, PERIOD 1 MAR '45 to 31 MAR '45.

Troop List

At Beginning of Period:

Enlisted Men	668
Officers	41
Warrant Officers	2

Net Increase for Period:

Enlisted Men	None
Officers	None
Warrant Officers	1

Net Decrease for Period:

Enlisted Men	15
Officers	1
Warrant Officers	None

At End of Period:

Enlisted Men	653
Officers	40
Warrant Officers	3

Station

APO 446, U. S. Army
No change for period

Campaigns

German Campaign
Duration: 14 September 1944 to_____
Auth: War Department, U. S. Army

Commanding Officer

JAMES W. LEE, LT COL

Losses In Action

In German Campaign
Greenlock, John W. Pfc, 34592187, WIA 21 Mar
Kircher, Alton S. Maj, 0315742, WIA 24 Mar
Smith, Pennington P. 2nd Lt, 02006386, WIA 24 Mar
Baal, Sal, 1st Lt, 01016263, KIA 24 MAR
Maiale, Leon S. Cpl, 32500566, KIA 24 Mar
Wallace, Charles B. 1st Lt, 01014403, KIA 25 Mar
Linne, Walter J. Sgt, 35571485, KIA 25 Mar
Mathias, David O. S/Sgt, 37246974, KIA 25 Mar

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Stout, Wesley III, Pfc, 35570129, WIA 25 Mar
Burrion, James D. Sgt, 35517190, WIA 25 Mar
Pozylnez, Walter C. Sgt, 36149326, WIA 23 Mar
Burns, John F. Cpl, 36627900, WIA 23 Mar
Joslin, Leon R. Pvt, 36472542, WIA 23 Mar
Waldorf, James A. Tec 5, 36773952, WIA 23 Mar
Dottolo, Tony, Pfc, 33[illegible]47, WIA 23 Mar
Karlsbroten, Andrew [illegible], Tec 4, 37[illegible], WIA 23 Mar
Holt, Hunley, Pvt, [illegible], WIA 23 Mar
Dumas, Louis, Pfc, [illegible], WIA 23 Mar
Hitzig, Morris, 1st Lt, [illegible], WIA 23 Mar
Harper, Robert G. [illegible], Capt, WIA 24 Mar
Hilbrick, Arthur G. Pfc, 39211000, WIA 25 Mar

Prisoners of War during Period

[illegible]

Roster of Key Personnel

Bn Staff

MAJ ALTON S. KIRCHER, EX. O.
MAJ JOHN J. [illegible]NTGOMERY, S-3 (Temporary duty CCA)
CAPT HENRY P. TILDEN, JR, S-3 (Acting)
CAPT ROBERT C. POTTS, S-4
1ST LT PAUL C. WILLIS, COMM. O.
CAPT DOLLY A. SPIVEY, S-2
1ST LT THOMAS A. ANDERSON, ADJ.
2ND LT HARRY A. CLAPPER, IN. O.
2ND LT JOSEPH R. POWELL, IN. O.

Bn Medical Officer
CAPT WILLIAM R. [illegible]TON

Bn Maintenance Officer
CAPT CLARENCE J. HYAN

Company Commanders
CAPT WILLIAM C. BUIE, HQ CO
CAPT ERIC A. ORSINI, SV CO
1ST LT DAVID J. MORAN, A CO
CAPT THOMAS C. BEATY, B CO
CAPT HAROLD D. [illegible]SKY, C CO
1ST LT TRAVIS COXE, D CO

Promotions

Officers
ROBERT O. HARPER, Inf - 1ST LT to CAPT
SIDNEY O. HACK, Inf - 2ND LT to 1ST LT
FRANCIS E. MARSHALL Inf - 2ND LT to 1ST LT
HARDING, LAWRENCE R. 02011597, appointed from Sgt
ARTHUR E. JACKSON, 02011598, appointed from S/Sgt
PETER J. BERGER, 02011596, appointed from 1st/Sgt

Enlisted Men

Cpl Lewis O. Kline, 35616695, 2736, Co B to Sgt, 2736
Tec 5 Robert D. Demuth, 17153557, 2736, Co B To Sgt, 2736
Pfc William F. McCoy, 37725989, 2736, Co B to Tec 5, 2736
Pfc George D. Wallace, 3481975, 2736, Co B to Tec 5, 2736
Pfc Richard K. Neal, 3[illegible], Co C to Cpl, 2736
S/Sgt Herbert R. Wheeler, 39404861, Co B to T/Sgt, 014
Tec 5 Phillip [illegible], 35675908, 660, Co A To Tec 4, 660
Pfc William J. [illegible], 19177952, 648, Co A to Tec 4, 648
Pvt Lyle E. [illegible], 38126433, 2736, Co A to Sgt, 2736
Sgt Melvin S. [illegible], 37546892, 2736, Co A to S/Sgt, 2736
Sgt Hugh A. Pain, 35642320, 2736, Co A to S/Sgt, 2736
Pfc Gordon E. Ling, 39205160, 2736, Co A to Cpl, 2736
Pfc [illegible] J. Burelson, 36285319, 2736, Co A to Tec 5, 2736
Pvt Charles A. Bahl, 33775826, 2736, Co A to Tec 5, 2736
Pvt Henry A. Dehintgen, 38992960, 2736, Co A to Tec 5, 2736
Pfc Raymond H. Presley, 38175559, 060, Co C to Tec 4, 060
Pvt Roger J. Pfundtner, 42097151, 511, Co C to Cpl, 2736
Pvt Alvin S. Segal, 36776924, 2736, Co C to Cpl, 2736
Pfc Louis Macava, 36776160, 2736, Co C to Cpl, 2736
Pvt Donald M. Briggs, 35901634, 2736, Co C to Cpl, 2736
Tec 5 Joseph C. Blanford, 37466661, 529, Sv Co to Tec 4, 660
Pvt Justin A. Murphy, 42004737, 2736, Co A to Cpl, 2736
Tec 5 Wallace Rochman, 32993 415, 2736, Co B to Sgt, 2736
Pvt James P. Conner, Jr, 34949243, 511, Co B to Tec 5, 511
Tec 5 Albert L. Nickerson, 31245418, 2736, Co B to Tec 4, 27
Pfc John N. Powers, 11079193, 2736, Co C to Cpl, 2736
Tec 5 Robert W. Hagen, 36613324, 014, Sv Co to Tec 4, 014
S/Sgt Raymond D. Cotton, 38286224, 1736, Co D to Int Sgt, 173
Sgt Walter C. Pomykacz, 36149326, 2736, Co C to S/Sgt, 2736
Tec 5 Thomas J. Veasey, 19080311, 931, Hq Co to Sgt, 2736
Tec 5 Paul A. Winkler, 38286580, 2736, Co C to Tec4, 2736
Cpl Rheinhart M. Faust, 37282378, 761 Hq Co to Sgt, 761
Pfc Manuel V. Rebello, 31245413, 345, Hq Co to Cpl, 761
Tec 4 Lynn N. Graham, 32055755, 014, Sv Co to S/Sgt, 014

Awards and Decorations

Frank L. B. MARSHALL, 1ST LT, 0532691, B Co - Bronze Star
Collante, Thomas A. S/Sgt, 32005096, A Co - Bronze Star
Laihne, Harold H. Sgt, 36627083, A Co Silver Star
Thomas F. Nunes, Sgt, 16156673, A Co - Bronze Star
William T. Summers, Sgt, 32045224, C Co - Bronze Star
John P. Pitcher, Tec 4, 33762390, D Co - Bronze Star
Anthony V. Szymanski, Tec 5, 36315078, Med Det - Bronze Star
Burell, Richard L. Pfc, 36452479, Sv Co - Bronze Star
Jones (NMI) Barbara, Pfc 32976941, A Co - Bronze Star

Thomas A. [illegible],
1st Lt., 47th Tank Battalion,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
47TH TANK BATTALION
APO 446 U.S. ARMY

12 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Battalion History.

TO : Commanding General, 14th Armored Division, APO 446, U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with Memorandum, Hq, 14th Armd Div, APO 446, U. S. Army, dtd., 4 January 1945, the History of this organization for the period 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945 is hereby submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

THOMAS A. ANDERBERG,
1st Lt., 47th Tank Battalion,
Adjutant.

4-Incls:
Narrative History 1 March to 31 March 1945.
S-3 Journal 1 March to 31 March 1945.
S-2 Journal 1 March to 31 March 1945.
History 1 March to 31 March 1945.

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15 Aug 45 HSD
Date Initials

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HISTORY 47TH TANK BATTALION, PERIOD 1 APR '45 to 30 APR '45

Troop List

At Beginning of Period:

Enlisted Men	650
Officers	40
Warrant Officers	3

Net Increase for Period:

Enlisted Men	None
Officers	None
Warrant Officers	None

Net Decrease for Period:

Enlisted Men	57
Officers	9
Warrant Officers	

At End of Period:

Enlisted Men	593
Officers	31
Warrant Officers	3

Station

APO 446, U. S. Army
No change for period

Campaigns

German Campaign
Duration: 14 September 1944 to_____
Auth: War Department, U. S. Army

Commanding Officer

JAMES W. LANN, LT COL

Losses In Action

Alfieri, Daniel J. Cpl 32588449, WIA 4 Apr
BERGER, PETER J. 2ND LT 02011596, WIA 6 Apr
BEATY, THOMAS C. CAPT 01013328, WIA 3 Apr
Byers, Calvine Pfc 36971423, WIA 14 Apr
Bardwell, Virgil B. Sgt 39236782 WIA 4 Apr
Barcus, Leslie M. Jr. Pvt 35074377 KIA 4 Apr
Burnett, Lloyd D. T/5 35570882 WIA 4 Apr
Clute, Lyle E. T/4 35570933 WIA 2 Apr
Corriea, Alfred Pfc 31235680 WIA 6 Apr
Calkins, Vile C. T/5 37447137 WIA 6 Apr

Duffett, Willie G. S/Sgt 658996, KIA 3 Apr
Egan, Patrick A. T/5 32671370, WIA 3 Apr
Evans, Louis S. Pvt 36985590, WIA 10 Apr
Espinosa, Alex (NMI) 37347583, WIA 15 Apr
Fidler, Mack E. T/4 33014751, KIA 15 Apr
Gerla, Stanley R. Pfc 42079826, WIA 2 Apr
Gorham, Francis J. Pvt 36590197, WIA 3 Apr
Inman, Alvin H. Pvt 35905836, WIA 3 Apr
Howard, Paul S. Pfc 39205279, LIA 7 Apr
HANDING, LAWRENCE R. 2ND LT 02001997, WIA 7 Apr
Hodge, Robert L. Pvt 39781883, WIA 3 Apr
Jones, Robert J. Pvt 42[illegible], SWA 4 Apr
Jackson, Harold L. Sgt 37124331, WIA 5 Apr
Kratzschmil, Earl A. Pfc [illegible], WIA 3 Apr
Kichne, Harold M. Sgt [illegible], WIA 6 Apr
Luke, Lee R. T/4 [illegible], WIA 15 Apr
Miller, John L. Pfc 1[illegible], WIA 9 Apr
Metz, Sevad (NMI) pfc 34264146, SWA 14 Apr
Miller, Lyman F. Pvt 42178365, WIA 6 Apr
Mathurst, Ronald G. Sgt 31390725, WIA 3 Apr
MARSHAL, FRANCIS F. 1ST LT 0532691, WIA 3 Apr
Nunn, Raymond (NMI) T/4 36575445, WIA 3 Apr
Nebrich, Walter C. Cpl 32872501, WIA 4 Apr
Phillips, Paul H. Pvt 37596696, WIA 5 Apr
Pfab, Gerald L. Cpl 33399818, WIA 4 Apr
PRIEUR, FELIX G. 2ND LT 02006387, KIA 3 Apr
PARKO, HENRY J. 2ND LT 02000766, WIA 3 Apr
Pace, John H. Pvt 34858306, WIA 4 Apr
QUINN, JOHN T. 1ST LT 01016302, KIA 3 Apr
Rusnak, Mike S. Jr. T/4 33395720, KIA 14 Apr
Smith, Robert C. S/Sgt 35616995, SWA 14 Apr
Sexton, Gerard B. Cpl 35571529 WIA 2 Apr
Starr, Ambrose T. S/Sgt 20800702, WIA 3 Apr
Shelstad, Harold L. Sgt 37124331, WIA 5 Apr
Sane, Mack E. Pvt 34996887, KIA 3 Apr
SPIVEK, SOLLY A. CAPT 01013838, LIA 6 Apr
Thompson, Eddie W. Pvt 34858838, WIA 3 Apr
Tucci, Francesco F. Cpl 32584791, KIA 3 Apr
Tajmajer, Leo W. Pfc 31470980, LIA 2 Apr
Wasshausen, Russell N. Pfc 20617674, LIA 9 Apr
Wollam, Carl G. Pvt 19202962, LWA 14 Apr
Zynda, Emil J. T/4 32671536, WIA 2 Apr
Freaklin, Henry S. S/Sgt 32587879, LIA 24 Apr
PERSKY, HAROLD D. CAPT 0450102, WIA 26 Apr
Armella, Jack A. Pvt 32669784, LIA 19 Apr
Hall, William H. Cpl 32589060, WIA 23 Apr
Gain, Frank C. Cpl 35571362, WIA 20 Apr
Tillman, Joseph A. Pfc 37402715, LWA 20 Apr
Healey, John M. Jr. 32587909 Pfc SWA 19 Apr
Wininger, Ivan R. Pfc 35688494, LIA 21 Apr
Rigall, Donald E. Pfc 39697802, LIA 20 Apr
Hooks, Earl (NMI) S/Sgt 34168235, KIA 19 Apr
MARSACK, EUGENE W. 1ST LT oLoL4591, LWA 19 Apr
Mauser, Oscar T. T/4 35688994, LWA 19 Apr

Hegyl, Frank W. Pvt 33830105, LWA 19 Apr
Pfeifer, Richard J. Pfc 37597448, LWA 20 Apr
Fox, Daniel (NMI) Sgt 32121004, LWA 20 Apr
Hudson, Robert E. Pvt 35239199, LWA 20 Apr
Clark, Raymond J. Cpl 13146385, LWA 20 Apr
Beverly, Thomas L. Pvt 35641506, LWA 20 Apr
Carlson, Lowell Dean 36716386, S/Sgt, MIA 19 Apr
Manley, Thomas E. Sgt 36626560, MIA 19 Apr
Gavurnik, Stephen (NMI) T/5 32589381, MIA 19 Apr
Hauser, Kirby R. Pfc 36627048, MIA 19 Apr
Stephens, John E. Pfc 37510[illegible], MIA 19 Apr
Castongia, Ezra J. Pvt 35903907, MIA 19 Apr
Powell, Rex R. Pvt 37748313, MIA 19 Apr
Schulz, Edward W. Pfc 36838484, MIA 19 Apr
Paukstis, John T. Sgt 36626846, LWA 19 Apr
Kutzke, Edward A. T/5 36285006, LWA 19 Apr
Blankenship, William F. Pfc 36896153, LWA 19 Apr
Marsh, Neal C. Pfc 15121693, KIA 20 Apr
Fadda, William R. S/Sgt 39033955, LWA 20 Apr
Sherman, Walter A. Pfc 35616622, LWA 20 Apr
Breedlove, George O. T/5 37246022, LWA 20 Apr

Prisoners of War during Period

4,523

Roster of Key Personnel

Bn Staff
MAJ ALTON S. KIRCHER, EX. O.
CAPT HENRY P. TILDEN JR. S-3 (TD DIV HQ, G-3 SEC)
SLJG RONALD C. GRAYS, S-4
1ST LT PAUL C. WILLIS, COMM. O.
CAPT BOLLY A. SPIVEK, S-2
1ST LT THOMAS A. ANDERBERG, ADJ.
2ND LT LAWRENCE R. HARDING, LN. OI (VOCO)
2ND LT KENNETH H. CLAPPER (DUTIES WITH S-2 SEC)

Bn Medical Officer
CAPT WILLIAM R. BARON

Bn Maintenance Officer
CAPT CLARENCE J. RYAN

Company Commanders
CAPT WILLIAM C. RULE, HQ CO
CAPT ERIC A. ORSENI, SV CO
1ST LT JAMES R. DEVENEY, A CO
1ST LT TRAVIS COXE, B CO
1ST LT SIDNEY HACK, C CO
1ST LT DAVID J. MORAN, D CO

Promotions

Officers

RALEIGH A. GARRISON 02011781, appointed from S/Sgt

Enlisted Men

Cpl Thomas A Clinger [illegible]15138 2736 Co A to Sgt 2736
Cpl Seymour Linney [illegible]271 2736 Co C to Sgt 2736
Cpl Robert T Leftin Jr [illegible]195 2736 Co C to Sgt 2736
Pvt John P Tucker 37501[illegible] 2736 Co C to Cpl 2736
Pvt William H Miller [illegible] 2736 Co C to Cpl 2736
Sgt Lowelldean L Carlson 36716[illegible] 1736 Co D to S/Sgt
Sgt Richard L Marr 34170214 1736 Co D to S/Sgt 1736
Tec 4 Hugh K Gardner 35688333 2736 Hq Co to Sgt 2736
Pfc Arthur C Hillwick 39211000 1736 Co D to Sgt 1736
Pfc John E Hollander 37477778 1736 Co D to Sgt 1736
Pvt Harvey J Duncan Jr 19200764 1736 Co D to Sgt 1736
Pvt Martin J Kamper 36760345 405 Sv Co to Tec 4 405
Pfc Henry J Erickson 32992755 1736 Co D to Tec 5 1736
Pfc Frederick T Horton 34821838 1736 Co D to Tec 5
Tec 5 Daniel J Carpenter 37246639 931 Hq Co to Tec 4
Pfc Thomas S.Fisher 38175322 521 Hq Co to Tec 5 521
Pfc John E Landy 33394944 745 Hq Co to Tec 5 2736
Pfc Eleanor R Peek 38372[illegible] 1736 Co D to Sgt 1736
Tec 5 Arthur W Johnson 3[illegible]2623 060 Co D to Tec 4 060
Pfc Edward Gratton 35688326 1736 Co D to Tec 5 1736
Pfc George J Pinto 35688333 060 Co D to Tec 5 060
Sgt William Schneidmiller 39389727 2736 Co B to S/Sgt
Pvt Albert R Kasary 32570742 1736 Co D to Sgt 1736
Tec 4 William L Sortore 35718524 824 Co D To S/Sgt 824
Pvt James G Smith 35149082 055 Sv Co to Tec 5 055
Pvt Irvin E Brouse 33837406 660 Sv Co to Tec 5 660
Cpl Frank A Alianiello 31245424 2736 Co B to Sgt 2736
Tec 5 Eugene V Armstrong 36024653 2736 Co B to Tec 4
Tec 5 Howard P Dow 37542504 2736 Co B to Tec 4 2736
Pvt Bernard J Sieckert 37597069 2736 Co B to Tec 5
Pvt Charles E Smith 35903822 2736 Co B to Tec 5 2736
Tec 4 Melvin T Wells 34463423 2736 Co B to Sgt 2736
Cpl Bently W Jenkins 33744392 2736 Co B to Sgt 2736
Tec 5 Frank R Kaplan 36625514 2736 Co B to Sgt 2736
Pfc Benjamin H Kukowski 37542690 2736 Co B to Tec 4
Pfc Verne S Stevenson 37534028 2736 Co B to Cpl 2736
Pvt James S Stanton 39582505 2736 Co B to Cpl 2736
Pvt John L Meuse 31424877 521 Co B to Cpl 2736
Sgt Robert D.Denuth 17153557 2736 Co B to S/Sgt 2736
Sgt Wallace Hochman 32993416 2736 Co B to S/Sgt 821
Sgt Burton S Miller 11104294 2736 Co B to S/Sgt 2736
Sgt Thomas F Nunez 16156673 2736 Co A to S/Sgt 2736
Cpl Edward P Miller 32588994 761 Co A to Sgt 2736
Tec 5 Stanley H Pero 6701061 060 Hq Co to Tec 4 060
Tec 5 George A Werner 32527980 060 Hq Co to Tec 4 060
Pfc Bernard D Muir 35229373 521 Hq Co to Tec 5 060
Pfc John T Plodzyn 32958178 521 Hq Co to Tec 5 060

Sgt Frank J Motyka 32539148 2736 Co C to S/Sgt 2736
Tec 5 Albert Mastrobattista 42006443 931 Hq Co to Sgt
Pfc John R Tallman 37466849 345 Hq Co to Cpl 761
Pfc Arthur F De Paepe 37597218 607 Hq Co to Tec 5 931
Pvt Jack A Armella 32669784 076 Bn Hq to Tec 5 076

Awards and Decorations

Albert Kazary, Cpl 32570742 D Co - Bronze Star
Owen Roberts, Pfc 12204457 Hq Co - Bronze Star
Kenneth H. Clapper, 2nd Lt 0547630 Bn Hq - Bronze Star

THOMAS A. ANDERBERG,
1st Lt, Infantry,
Adjutant.

NARRATIVE HISTORY OF 47TH TANK BATTALION PERIOD 1 APR TO 30 APR '45

The month of April opened with the Battalion alerted for movement north from KAPPELLEN, GERMANY to make a river crossing over the Rhine. The Battalion began movement north from KAPPELLEN at 010642 April and crossed the Rhine at 011335 April and proceeded northeast to the vicinity of KLEIN-KIRNEN where reorganization and preparation for movement to the southeast took place.

The Battalion moved southeast from KLEIN-KIRNEN at 0345 crossing the river Main and passing through the Third Division Zone to the vicinity of LOHR, GERMANY where stubborn enemy resistance was met. Here "D" company supported the attack of the 19th AIB on LOHR knocking out three (3) enemy self-propelled guns and three (3) enemy horse-drawn 75's. In the attack the battalion lost three (3) medium tanks. The battalion continued the attack on LOHR on the 3rd of April supporting the 19th clearing the town and with "D" company advancing to SACKENBACH, "B" company to NAUTENBACH. The attack continued on the 4th of April driving theenemy from NEUENDORF, LANGENPROZELTEN and into GEMUNDEN! The attack was supported by air missions throughout the day with the setting up of defenses in LANGENPROZELTEN for the night. Attack continued to the northeast the following day clearing the town of GEMUNDEN and capturing thirty (30) PW's.

From the town of GEMUNDEN the b ttalion launched an attack to the northeast with the mission of securing Military Camp located in the vicinity south of HAMMELBURG, GERMANY. The attack was held up somewhat by enemy opposition which was repulsed. The mission was accomplished 061345 April in the liberating of approximately 5,000 Allied PW's. Three (3) artillery pieces, two (2) self-propelled guns were knocked out and thirty-five (35) PW's taken. From this point the attack continued to the northeast securing BAD-KISSINGEN. The battalion met

with light enemy resistance and continued the attack to the town of MUNNERSTADT. MUNNERSTADT was taken with the loss of one (1) medium tank and the capturing of sixty-four (64) PW's.

From the town of MUNNERSTADT an attack was launched to the south east with the mission of securing MARKTEN advancing to REICHMANNSHAUSEN when Higher Headquarters halted our advance. In the advance to REICHMANNSHAUSEN one hundred and three (103) PW's were captured, twenty-three (23) horse-drawn carts, one (1) horse-drawn AT gun destroyed five (5) GMC trucks, two (2) motorcycles and one (1) half-track destroyed. The battalion performed maintenance of vehicles and weapons, sent out reconnaissance and combat patrols during the period 10th April to 13th April while in the town of REICHMANNSHAUSEN. From here the battalion moved forward to OBERAINSFELD keeping continuous contact with the 19th AIB, 499th AIB and CCB. Route reconnaissance was made to the southeast to WEIDNERS. The battalion jumped off to the southeast at 170850 April meeting with slight enemy resistance, knocking out three (3) enemy tanks and capturing twenty-nine (29) PW's. The attack continued through the night with the battalion closing in an assembly area in the vicinity of ALTENTHANN at 190635 April. The assembly area was outposted and route and bridge reconnaissance was made to the south. Continuous contact was kept with the 19th AIB and CCB. A patrol was sent out to the south contacting the 106th Cavalry. While this organization was in effect the remainder of the battalion was repulsing a counterattack which came from the southeast and southwest at 0600 from the town of BURGTHANN. The enemy also infiltrated back into the towns of OCHENBRUCK and OBERFERRIEDEN. During the day enemy artillery was active falling in the town of ALTENTHANN, both flat trajectory and heavy up to 155. The battalion protected the bridge sight in the vicinity of BURGTHANN. Had to withdraw from BURGTHANN to the town of PAPPENHOFEN

so that artillery could be brought on BURGTHANN. Air support was given the battalion throughout the day. The following day the enemy attempted to defend PAFFENHOFEN and BURGTHANN and considerable small arms fire was received from GRUENBERG and enemy artillery fell in the town of ALTENTHANN for the second day. Our Task Force occupied the town of RUDELSBERG while the remaining force cleared the woods west of ALTENTHANN and took BURGTHANN. The battalion was forced to give up positions as our troops were ordered to other locations in the Division Area. The attack for the day was supported by air missions on the towns of SCHWANSTEINBRUCK and OCKENBRUCK. Took twenty-nine (29) PW's On the 21st of April the battalion resumed the attack to the south and southwest clearing the towns of OCKENBRUCK and BURGTHANN. The battalion reverted to CCR control at 211240 April and moved from ALTENTHANN to the town of FEUCHT.

Under control of CCR the battalion launched a continued attack to the southeast from FEUCHT at 220700 with the receiving of heavy artillery enroute to JAHRSDORF. The enemy kept the autobahn under fire from the vicinity of ALTENTHANN to GOGGELBUCH. Advance continued to PYRAS where enemy mine fields were encountered and cleared and attack continued to EYSOLDEN where the advance was again held up by mines. The towns of JAHRSDORF and EYSOLDEN were outposted for the night. On the 23rd of April the attack continued to the south clearing the towns of STEINDL and ALFELSHAUSEN with the advance being held up somewhat by small arms, mortar, artillery and flak wagon fire. Knocked out one (1) Mark IV and one (1) Mark V enemy tank and captured fourty-two (42) PW's. The 24th of April opened with the attack continuing to the southeast and meeting with little enemy resistance and taking ninety-two (92) PW's and clearing a road block. The enemy continued their withdrawl to successive towns. Our screening reconnaissance unit met small arms fireat GUNGOLDING and found bridge blown over the Altmuhl River.

while a bridge was being constructed over the River the battalion participated in maintenance of vehicles and weapons. Upon completion of the bridge over the Althmuhl river the attack continued southeast clearing SCHAMBACH, SCHEMDORF, STAMBACH, KOSHING, and MERRING. Light enemy resistance in the vicinity STAMHAM was repulsed with the enemy still continuing delaying tactics in retiring to sucessive towns or strong points and with the blowing of two bridges on the Danube River.

Our fast advance was again held up at KOSHING and maintenance of vehicles and weapons prevailed. One hundred and thirteen (113) PW's were taken, eighty (80) rifles destroyed also 34 field pieces and a large supply of ammunition and four (4) bazookas. The battalion reverted to CCA control and an exchange of attachments took place. The battalion under control of CCA moved forward crossing the Danube River at 311150 April and continued southeast with the mission of seizing river crossing on the ISAR River. Captured seventy-two (72) PW's in the town of STAMBACH and liberated five hundred and fifty seven (557) PW's consisting of (208 American - 299 British - 50 French). Received small arms and mortar fire in the vicinity of GRAFENDORF and continued to GUTERSHG where seven hundred and fifty-three (753) PW's were liberated (American, British) and captured one hundred and twenty (120) PW's then continuing to GAUERN. For the day the battalion took a total of one thousand and thirteen (1013) PW's and liberated one thousand and sixty allied PW's. On the 29th of April the battalion attacked in two columns on MUNSBURG meeting with little enemy resistance and taking the town liberating approximately thirty one thousand (31,000) PW's and capturing two thousand and nineteen (2119) PW's. In taking the town of MUNSBURG, [illegible] once again became a reality. The battalion remained in MUNSBURG clearing the town of stragglers PW's and enemy equipment thus ending the month of April.

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HEADQUARTERS 14TH ARMORED DIVISION
A. P. O. 446 U. S. ARMY

15 June 1945

47th Tank Bn

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SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Commanding Officer, 47th Tank Battalion.

1. Unit History, your organization, is returned herewith since higher headquarters has recently advised that the submission thereof is no longer necessary.

2. It is recommended that you retain possession of the copy in your files to meet any future request which may be forthcoming.

PAUL R. CARDINAL
Captain (INF.)
P R O

May 45

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CHANGED TO:
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BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE
DEC 5 1945

NARRATIVE HISTORY OF 7TH TANK BATTALION, PERIOD 1 MAY TO 31 MAY 1945

The month of May opened with the forward elements of the battalion located at EBERSPOINT, GERMANY. If you would have entered our Battalion Command Post on the morning of the 1st of May 1945, the Command Post Guard would have requested that you knock the snow off your feet before entering the Palacial Hall of the Command Post. (Formerly the mayors' home.

The Command Post opened in EBERSPOINT at about 312000 April. The Battalion Commander sent a Task Force out that night to continue the attack to the south east on the objective with the remainder of the battalion following the morning of the 1st of May. The advance of the Battalion met with light enemy resistance but as we entered MUHLDORF we could see the bridge over the INN RIVER go up in smoke. Had Jerry been five minutes later in planning, our forward tanks would have crossed the bridge before it could have been blown.

The Battalion closed in MUHLDORF with the capturing of everything imaginable to the human mind - airfields, planes, Generals and what have you. The Command Post was opened in the former Nazi Headquarters and since then we have made it a very convenient place for a CP. Taking over the city of MUHLDORF unveiled many of the atrocities which the Nazi Regime brought upon innocent people, a people who could or did not see their (Nazi) mannerisms and ways of running a nation. It was also in MUHLDORF that Capt Joseph Carters' story, "The Death of A State", became a reality.

From the 1st of May until the 31st the Battalion was totally occupied in outposting its respective areas and the organization of Displaced Persons. Sight seeing tours were made weekly to BERCHTESGADEN and the ALPS. Presentation of Awards (Bronze and Silver Stars) was made by the Commanding General of the 14th Armored Division on the 28th day of May. The Battalion held two Retreat Parades during the month. The Battalion also participated in sending men and officers on pass to United Kingdom, Riviera, Paris and to the Twentieth Corps Rest Center.

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HISTORY 47TH TANK BATTALION, PERIOD 1 MAY 1945 TO 31 MAY 1945.

Troop List

At Beginning of Period:

Enlisted Men	599
Officers	30
Warrant Officers	3

Net Increase for Period:

Enlisted Men	122
Officers	11
Warrant Officers	None

Net Decrease for Period:

Enlisted Men	None
Officers	None
Warrant Officers	None

At End of Period:

Enlisted Men	715
Officers	41
Warrant Officers	3

Station

APO 446, U. S. Army
No change for period

Campaigns

German Campaign
Duration: 14 September 1944 to_____
Auth: War Department, U. S. Army.

Commanding Officer

JAMES W. LANE, LT COL

Losses In Action

Allwein, Robert A. Pfc 13092099, LNA 2 May 1945
Kincaid, Karl R. Pfc 35778863, LNA 4 May 1945
Roberts, Owen W. Pfc 12204957, LNA 2 May 1945

Prisoners of War during Period

5,864

Roster of Key Personnel

MAJ ALTON S. KIRCHER, EX. O.
CAPT CLARENCE J. RYAN, S-3
WO2 RONALD C. GRAYS, S-4
CAPT HENRY P. TILDEN, JR. COMM. O. (TD BIV HQ, G-3 SEC)
CAPT SCELLY A. SPIVEY, S-2
1ST LT THOMAS A. ANDERSONS, ADJ.
1ST LT PAUL C. WILLIS, LM. O.

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In Medical Officer
CAPT [illegible] A. [illegible]

In Administrative Officer
CAPT [illegible] A. PERRY

Company Commanders
CAPT [illegible] C. [illegible], HQ CO
CAPT [illegible] A. [illegible], SV CO
CAPT [illegible] J. [illegible], A CO
CAPT [illegible] [illegible], B CO
CAPT [illegible] [illegible], C CO
CAPT [illegible] A. [illegible], D CO

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Officers
1LT 1C [illegible] BACK TO CAPT, 01061413
2LT 1C [illegible] A. [illegible] TO 1ST LT, 02011597
2LT 1C [illegible] L. [illegible] TO 1ST LT, 0532755
1LT 1C [illegible] J. [illegible] TO CAPT, 01061390

Enlisted Men
Sgt 1 Thomas S Fisher, 38175322, 931, Hq Co to Sgt, 2736
Pfc Earl Douglas, 34371689, 745, Hq Co to Tec 5, 931
Cpl Francis X O'Brien, 33777750, 2736, Co B to Sgt, 2736
Cpl Vincent R Minella, 32830912, 2736, Co B to Sgt, 2736
Cpl Ronald O Wagner, 32670904, 2736, Co B to Sgt, 2736
Pfc Charles R Becker, 37529665, 2736, Co B to Cpl, 2736
Pfc Earl A Kontechvil, 36626543, 2736, Co B to Cpl, 2736
Pfc Wilfred T Meyer, 36286742, 2736, Co B to Cpl, 2736
Pfc Robert J Olson, 16121279, 2736, Co B to Cpl, 2736
Pfc Richard L Foster, 39331096, 2736, Co B to Cpl, 2736
Pvt Robert C.Huggins, Jr, 34999210, 2736, Co B to Cpl 2736
Pvt Joseph A Meyer, 42897242, 2736, Co B to Cpl, 2736
Pvt Marvin J Zuckerman, 17148332, 2736, Co B to Cpl, 2736
Cpl Sidney Rosen, 32963681, 2736, Co C to Sgt, 2736
Cpl Raymond J. Clark, 13144385, 2736, Co C To Sgt, 2736
Pfc Robert A Allwein, 13092099, 2736, Co C to Sgt 2736
Pvt Vincent J Valente, 33395799, 345, Co C to Tec 5, 345
Sgt William T Summers, 33045224, 2736, Co C to S/Sgt, 2736
Pfc Robert H Wright, 38561159, 1736, Co D to Sgt, 2736
Pfc James F Cassella, 31408775, 1736, Co D to Tec 5, 2736
Pfc Carmen A Franco, 31338754, 1736, Co D To Tec 5, 1736
Sgt Allyn D Gerrell, 35971709, 2736, Hq Co To S/Sgt, 2736
Sgt Lawrence O Balaga, 36715410, 2736, Co A to S/Sgt, 2736
Tec 4 Eli A Robert, 32664334, 2736, Co A to Sgt, 2736
Tec 4 Francis B Jones, 36626527, 2736, Co A to Sgt, 2736
Tec 5 Milton J Chambles, 37355314, 2736, Co A to Tec 4, 2736
Pvt Lyman T J Miller, 42178865, 2736, Co A to Cpl, 2736
Pvt Garrell C Davis, 13189354, 2736, Co A to Cpl, 2736
Cpl George S Page, 36985706, 761, Co C To S/Sgt, 821
Tec 5 Carl Almquist, 36654432, 080, Sv Co to S/Sgt, 824
Pfc Peter P Ricciardone, Jr, 42004093, 511, Sv Co to Tec 5, 511
Pvt Herman H. Hall, 13067785, 814, Hq Co to S/Sgt, 814
Sgt Stewart W Wallace, 32588470, 1736, Co D to S/Sgt, 1736
Tec 4 Joseph M Kapraun, 36335793, 861, Med Det to Tec 3, 861

Awards and Decorations

Carl Aumick, 32575072, C Co - Bronze Star
Walter C. Pengkner, 36149326, C Co - Bronze Star

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SOLLY A. SPIVEK, 01013838, HH Hq - Bronze Star
Rodney W. Harris, 6888964, C Co - Silver Star
ROBERT C. HENKIRK, 02006357, 94th Rem - Bronze Star
Horace D. Rowen, 12201645, Bn Hq - Bronze Star
ROBERT C. FOTTS, 0329060, Bn Hq - Bronze Star
CLARENCE J. RYAN, 0352286, Sv Co - Bronze Star
Charles N. Hudson, 17132858, A Co - Bronze Star
Roger L. Reynolds, 33217755, A Co - Bronze Star
Walter D. Youngs, 32585080, A Co - Bronze Star
Kenneth W. Klewick, 35775244, A Co - Bronze Star
Donald G. Hinauer, 32672603, Med Det - Bronze Star
Elmer Ehar, 37035565, B Co - Bronze Star
Herbert Saxe, 13078826, Bn Hq - Bronze Star
WILLIAM R. EATON, 0371621, Med Det - Bronze Star
William P. Sawyer, 32031027, Sv Co - Bronze Star
SIDNEY HACK, 01614413, C Co - Bronze Star
LAWRENCE HARDING, 02011597, Hq Co - Silver Star
Raymond T. Capp, 39284867, C Co - Bronze Star
John E. Hollander, 37477778, D Co - Bronze Star
Frank DeStefano, 36334281, Med Det - Bronze Star
Lloyd D. Burnett, 35570882, D Co - Bronze Star
Arthur F. DePape, 37597218, Hq Co - Bronze Star
Lewelldean L. Carlson, 36716386, D Co - Bronze Star
Wilbur A. Smultz, 36336175, Med Det - Bronze Star
Melvin L. White, 6869294, Med Det - Bronze Star
Ray C. Keenan, 12209513, C Co - Bronze Star
MAYNARD L. BOUCHER, 0544225, C Co - Bronze Star
Frank J. Matyka, 32589148, C Co - Bronze Star
William H. Farber, 42067543, Hq Co - Bronze Star
PAUL C. VINCENT, 01015196, A Co - Bronze Star
James Harden, 34592232, D Co - Bronze Star
Samuel T. Aluzzi, 32589131, Hq Co - Bronze Star
Vergil Bardwell, 39268782, D Co - Bronze Star
James T. Burley, 32584008, D Co - Bronze Star
Lewe B. Carlson, 36437197, C Co - Bronze Star
Zeb McAnulty, 14188205, Sv Co - Bronze Star
PAUL C. WILLIS, 0101846, Bn Hq - Bronze Star
Thomas M. Blakeley, 33299758, Bn Hq - Bronze Star
THOMAS A. ANDERBERG, 01013088, Bn Hq, - Bronze Star
Dale Sheup, 35571562, B Co - Bronze Star
FELIX C. PRIEUR, 02006387, C Co - Silver Star
ERIC A. ORSINI, 01014819, Sv Co - Bronze Star
Hugh W. Ferguson, 34122083, B Co - Bronze Star
Samuel Kalb, 32093833, Sv Co - Bronze Star
Rheinhart Faust, 37282578, Hq Co - Bronze Star
TRAVIS COKE, 01016219, B Co - Cluster Bronze Star
Ames Chandler, 14006692, Hq Co - Bronze Star
DAVID J. MORAN, 01014350, A CO - Bronze Star
Ray L. Nunn, 36575445, B Co - Bronze Star
Kenneth Lyon, 32663842, B Co - Silver Star
WILLIAM C. BUIE, 0389514, Hq Co - Bronze Star
William Schneidmiller, 39389727, B Co - Bronze Star
Floyd L. Jackson, 38133136, B Co - Bronze Star
James P. Kelly, 16140713, B Co - Bronze Star
Marvin T. Wells, 34463423, B Co - Bronze Star
Tony Catic, 36666699, Hq Co - Bronze Star
Leon Vejnik, 32776593, B Co - Bronze Star
CLETUS R. VESSELL, W-2119943, Bn Hq - Bronze Star
Myron G. Scriver, 39115951, Hq Co - Bronze Star
ARTHUR WAXLER, 02007185, Sv Co - Bronze Star

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JOSEPH SKERYANC, 01545931, Med Det - Bronze Star
John R. Tallman, 37466849, Hq Co - Bronze Star
Melvin W. Phillips, 37466601, Hq Co - Bronze Star
Robert A. Fuller, 36870744, Hq Co - Bronze Star
Thomas Ray, 37143639, Hq Co - Bronze Star
Ernest M. Flanagan, 37246003, - Sv Co - Bronze Star
Rudolph N. Luongo, 33311735, A Co - Bronze Star
John H. Stradal, 17081944, Hq Co - Bronze Star
Richard B. Clark, 16068208, Sv Co - Bronze Star
Chester Zacharzewski, 32282199, Hq Co - Bronze Star
JAMES R. DEVENEY, 11062489, A Co - Bronze Star
JAMES T. NEAL, W-2123187, Sv Co - Bronze Star
Manuel V. Rabelle, 31245412, Hq Co - Bronze Star
Arnold M. McCarty, 38175325, D Co - Bronze Star
Joseph C. Rupar, 33291703, D Co - Bronze Star
Harry C. Mann, 39195860, D Co - Bronze Star
Gerald D. Neiten, 35162122, B Co - Bronze Star
Ben H. Paturalski, 35229483, D Co - Bronze Star
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